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Staff absences at County Hall costing £2.3m a year

PRINCE Charles paid a visit to Poundbury on Monday to officially open the new Damers First School Building - *see page 5*

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BUDGET cuts and staff shortages at Dorset County Council, based at County Hall in Dorchester, have led to a dramatic rise in staff absences.

Amongst the worst affected are social workers and Dorset Waste Partnership staff.

A report before councillors this week says that the cost of the lost working days in just 12 months amounts to £2.3million.

Social work has been particularly badly affected with some departments having to rely at times on costly agency workers because of the number of vacancies.

Cllr Ros Kayes says the result of staff shortages has been that the majority of staff take on more work than they should, causing themselves more stress and, in turn, compounding the problem by then becoming unwell.

Some social workers in the county are working in excess of 60 hours a week, although are only paid for 37.5. They are allowed to take time off in lieu for excess hours, but most find that the pressure of caseloads means they are unable to do so, or can only taking a limited amount of the hours they are owed.

Ms Kayes says the situation for many has become intolerable, leading to many considering giving up the job altogether: "Employees at the council are finding it extremely difficult to make these decisions that are affecting other people's lives dramatically. It is having a big psychological impact on them.

"We are still having major problems in recruiting social workers, meaning the members of staff who are left are having a much larger

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Ambulance staff say service at Christmas will 'be a disaster'

SOUTH Western Ambulance Service's (SWASFT) chief executive, Ken Wenman, is urging GMB the Union to talk to the trust following an open letter from staff calling for his resignation.

In the letter, staff who are members of GMB apologise to families, friends and the community for not getting to patients on time due to an over-stretched service, feeling unsupported by SWASFT and ultimately calling on Mr Wenman to quit.

The group say they are "struggling to maintain a crumbling service deliberately being underfunded by the government and made worse when those over pressured resources and stressed staff are then badly managed".

GMB the Union, which is supporting the staff, say that the trust is failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff.

Spokesman Gary Palmer warned of fears that the extra calls for ambulances which are expected to come from the new flu epidemic will compound the demand for A&E caused by Christmas drinkers and bring the already hard-pressed 999 service crashing down.

"Ambulance staff in the South West are absolutely petrified that the service is on the point of collapse and any additional external factors could push us over the tipping point this Christmas," he said.

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He continued: "Although we are unfortunately regularly being contacted by members and concerned staff over any number of growing issues at SWAST, we felt this recent letter on behalf of a group of GMB members particularly summoned up the general despair and frustration many staff currently feel from working within a service and role they love.

"The trust are failing to address major issues and the toll from not doing so is having an enormous effect upon increasing numbers of staff, as they consider whether they wish to remain within this particular ambulance service or not.

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■ South West Ambulance chief executive Ken Wenman - staff have called for his resignation

ous issues and the effect they have upon many front line ambulance professionals within its own organisation and the patients they ultimate serve, means that Mr Wenman has clearly not only lost touch or interest with his employees and the service, but has now also lost their respect as well.

"It is time for the chief executive to stand down and for any replacement to be clear on wanting to do more to protect and support the trust's most valuable resource; its own staff."

However, Mr Wenman said that they recognise the pressures and are working to improve these.

He said: "Our staff are the most valuable asset. We simply cannot provide the critical care to our patients without them.

"We absolutely recognise the pressure that they are under and we are working hard with them and with Unison, the recognised union, to improve resource levels, to improve our response to patients and to improve the health and wellbeing of our staff."

Mr Wenman added: "We are proud of the way that we work closely with all union representatives on behalf of our staff, including GMB, and so it is disappointing that these comments have gone to the media, rather than to us here at the trust, especially given the meetings that we have recently hosted with GMB representatives where such concerns could have been raised.

"We would urge the GMB to re-engage and talk to us directly."

Tony Fox, chairman of SWASFT, said there was always more to be done.

He said: "Along with the rest of the NHS, ambulance services across the country are experiencing significant pressure.

"So it was particularly pleasing that in the last national staff survey, SWASFT had the best results across all ambulance trusts in the country for their engagement with staff, for the health and wellbeing of staff and for the resources available.

"We accept that there is always more to be done and we will continue to work closely with our colleagues and listen and respond to their needs.

Tony added: "I would like to say thank you to all our people for the excellent job they do in difficult circumstances."

The letter in full

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes when you see an ambulance attending an incident what it might be like to work for the South Western Ambulance service? Although we love what we do, behind the professional facade we portray to the public we are struggling to maintain a crumbling service deliberately being underfunded by the Government and made worse when those over pressured resources and stressed staff are then badly managed locally.

If you're unfortunate enough to have to call us, please remember that although we will potentially often be the Deliverer of the First High Quality Care you receive in an accident or illness, we are not only not classified as an Emergency Service by the government but not appreciated or cared for by our employer.

We, as ambulance professionals, are trying to change that. Our Union, GMB, are trying to change that, but our employer and our Chief Executive are ignoring both our complaints and calls for change, so in order to explain to our families, friends and the public and even our employer SWAST we send out our heartfelt apologies:

To the public

We're sorry for not getting to you or your loved ones quick enough because there are just not enough of us or we are called out to answer non-emergency calls.

We're sorry for the patient and family members that have been left on the floor for hours as a consequence of not getting to you on time.

We're sorry when you remain in the ambulance or in the hospital corridor for hours when we are stacked at A&E's because we can't complete our hand over.

We're sorry that our employer is so poor in managing their resources that they are potentially putting your family at risk.

We're sorry you sometimes feel the need to verbally abuse or physically threaten us while we treat your family and friends.

We're sorry it appears that SWAST deployments and performance targets are more important than patient care.

We're sorry if we arrive at your emergency at the end of a 12 hour shift and possible overrun if we are so tired we potentially fear making a wrong clinical decision.

To our family and friends

We're sorry for not being able to be there when you as family and friends need us.

We're sorry for missing yet another family occasion.

We're sorry we are refused annual leave when we want it meaning no family holiday once again.

We're sorry yet another overrun has meant we are late home again.

We're sorry kids that we couldn't tuck you in and read you a story at bedtime.

We're sorry for being so tired or stressed when we do finally get home.

We're sorry for the occasions you'll see us angry, frustrated, unhappy and sad.

We're sorry when we witness yet another colleague's relationship fail.

To SWAST

We're sorry for feeling unsupported by you, our employer.

We're sorry when we are stretched ever more thinly across a greater area of deployment that we don't hit your targets for reaching critically ill patients in time.

We're sorry for being sick in an environment and workplace that doesn't allow it.

We're sorry for what must be our annoying constant requests for annual leave and you having to take the time to respond and refuse them.

We're sorry for our claims of PTSD.

We're sorry for appearing ungrateful that your recent rota review has in fact destroyed our work life balance even more beyond acceptable limits.

We're sorry for the inconvenience when injuries at work happen.

We're sorry if we appear concerned that we will not reach retirement age as a result of physical or psychological injury.

We're sorry for not agreeing with the Chief Executive, and his team's 'my way or the highway' attitude towards us as staff.

And finally in closing: We're sorry for saying sorry, time and time again to all of you because nothing ever changes.

We're sorry for having to write this.

We're sorry for asking, but it's time for everyone to support our call for the Chief Executive to stand down.

Dorset is much safer after success of gun amnesty

Dorset is a much safer place after a gun amnesty launched by county police has collected an arsenal of dangerous weapons.

More than 100 firearms have been handed in at police stations during the two-week "gun surrender" drive.

Dorset Police is urging anyone in possession of illegal or unregistered firearms and ammunition to continue to make use of its firearms surrender, which runs until midnight tonight [Sunday Nov 26].

"Firearms ranging from BB guns, pistols and revolvers have been handed in to designated police stations across Dorset since the surrender began," said a police spokesman.

"Results from the first week of the surrender were: 47 air weapons, 21 shotguns, eight revolvers, nine pistols, 15 imitation firearms, four deactivated firearms and almost 50 surrenders of ammunition.

Residents assaulted with a basball bat

DETECTIVES investigating an aggravated burglary in Dorchester are appealing for anyone with information to come forward.

Shortly after 12am on Monday, November 20th, two men forced entry to a property in Cambridge Road.

Once they were inside the men assaulted the three occupants of the house – a man and two teenage children - with a weapon, believed to be a baseball bat.

It is not believed that anything was taken from the property.

The offenders both wore face coverings and dark clothing.

The three victims were all taken to hospital, where they received treatment to cuts.

Detective Constable Nick Gravenor, of Weymouth CID, said: "We are continuing to investigate this incident and have made a number of enquiries, including house to house enquiries in the local area.

"I would urge any witnesses or anyone with information that can assist our investigation to please contact us immediately.

"We are supporting the victims and have increased patrols in the area to offer reassurance to the local community. Our officers can be approached with any concerns."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting occurrence number 55170180561. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Pensioner dragged along the ground in car park robbery

A PENSIONER was dragged along the ground when a man stole her handbag in Dorchester this week.

The incident happened at around 6.15pm on Friday, November 24th in Acland Road car park.

The victim - a local woman aged in her 70s - walked along the footpath between South Walks House and the rear of Goulds department store, when she became aware of someone behind her.

She continued walking across the car park when she felt someone grab the handbag she was carrying, causing her to lose her balance and fall to the ground.

The victim kept hold of her handbag, but the offender then dragged her a short distance along the ground. He then verbally threatened her before he managed to pull the handbag away and run off in the direction of Acland Road.

She was treated by paramedics to an injury to her head after falling to the ground, but did not require hospital treatment.

The offender is described by the victim as a man who was very thin and grubby in appearance and was wearing a dark-coloured hooded top with the hood up.

Detective Constable Emma Swann, said: "This was a terrifying ordeal for the victim to endure. The incident happened at a busy time of the day and I am appealing to anyone who saw someone acting suspiciously in the area or witnessed the robbery take place to please contact Dorset Police.

"In particular, the victim states she saw a car parked in the car park with its lights on and thinks there may have been someone within the vehicle who could have witnessed the incident.

"We managed to locate the handbag nearby thanks to assistance from the dog unit, however a quantity of cash had been stolen.

"We have been making house to house enquiries and are currently reviewing CCTV footage to see whether the offender described was caught on camera in the town and investigations are ongoing."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, via email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting crime number 55170183432.

WELDMAR Hospicecare's annual two-mile Family Santa Fun Run gets underway this Sunday, December 3rd at Dorchester Rugby Club. Starting at 11am everyone taking part will be dressed in a Santa suit.

The event will be the seventh Santa Fun Run for Weldmar, which helps raise funds for the local charity to support patients and their families across Dorset.

Alaine Harman, Community Events Fundraiser at Weldmar, said: "The sight of so many Santas, of all ages, running around Dorchester always fills us with Christmas cheer."

To register for the Santa Fun Run, or to volunteer to help, go to www.weldhospice.org.uk/santarun or call the Fundraising team on 01305 261800.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Aiming to clear up any misunderstanding on affordable housing

IT is clearly apparent that there are some serious misunderstandings regarding the Dorchester Area Community Land Trust's (DACLT) work to provide much-needed housing in the town for young (under 35) working people on low incomes.

DACLT, a non-profit making Community Land Trust, has been established, in the first instance, to build affordable housing in the county town. The term "affordable", as used by DACLT, has two aspects.

Firstly "affordable" refers to the sale price of the completed housing units. DACLT is aiming to provide at least 20 one-bedroom flats to be sold for between £90,000 and £100,000 each, which is only 70 to 80 per cent of the current market price.

Secondly "affordable" refers to the income of the potential buyer. DACLT is targeting young workers on incomes of less than £30,000 per year.

Further safeguards to ensure the housing meets its purpose require all potential purchasers to be listed on the WDDC housing register, to work in Dorchester and to own no other property such that the flats will be their only residence. When they come to sell them, they will only be able to be sold at the same percentage rate as when they bought them.

Dorchester Town Council has made the whole scheme possible by providing the land (the two tennis courts opposite the Borough Gardens), demonstrating their commitment to tackling this issue.

Two replacement tennis courts will be built on the disused bowling green in the Borough Gardens next year.

We are very aware of the sensitivity of this site at the south west corner of Roman "Durnovaria". Thus we are anxious to retain the existing trees, respect the historic monument that is the line of the Roman wall and protect the site's role as a green corridor.

Just as the almshouses further up West Walks still meet the needs of older folk 400 years after their parent bodies were founded, so these "affordable" flats will remain in perpetuity for young working people on low incomes in Dorchester. This will be ensured and enshrined in the covenants attached to the properties.

To become a member of DACLT and help us with this and future projects or just to follow the progress of this scheme, do visit our website www.daclt.org.uk

ALISTAIR CHISHOLM and BARRY THOMPSON
Directors of DACLT

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number of cases put on them, to the point that they become unwell.

"We need to be inviting more social workers from outside Dorset to come here by offering better incentives. If staff are off sick and the council is then paying both that person and an agency worker to cover them, it is costing more. It would be better to spend more money on better advertising and boost the jobs altogether."

The £2.39million cost excludes schools and the additional cost of temporary staff to provide cover.

From October 2016 until September 2017 the county council lost more than 700 working days because of social worker mental health-related sickness.

Over the same period 372 days were lost by loaders at Dorset Waste Partnership; 358 by adult assessment coordinators; 184 by Dorset Waste Partnership drivers; 171 through passenger assistants and 171 by adult social workers - all because of mental health related sickness.

Councillors were told on Monday that the county council is offering workshops on wellbeing and stress reduction – the irony is that those most likely to suffer are least likely to attend because of their workloads.

Many of the sickness problems amongst Dorset Waste Partnership workers are caused by stresses and strains on their bodies having to constantly lift and bend while moving heavy loads.

The county council says that all DWP staff have to participate in an induction and training programme, which includes handling and lifting as well as regular short practical training sessions on health and safety.

Over 12 months the council dismissed 15 employees due to medical incapability in addition to four ill health retirements. The highest figure was from the children's services sector, where seven employees were lost due to medical incapability.

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Death Notices

WALLIS JENNIFER ANN (Jenny)

Passed away suddenly on 19th November 2017 Funeral Service at Hawkinge Crematorium, Kent on Tuesday 5th December at 12 noon. There will be a memorial gathering at The Royal Lion Hotel, Lyme Regis on Thursday 7th December at 2pm. All Welcome.
Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o W.J Farrier & Son, Folkestone or left at memorial gathering.

TRUEMAN Margaret (nee Vass)

Peacefully after an illness bravely borne, on Wednesday 22nd November 2017, at her home in Lyme Regis, aged 84 years. Wife of the late Bob Trueman, a much loved mum to David, Andrew & Pat, Dawn & Steve, dearly loved nan to Alistair & Isobel. Funeral service to be held at Lyme Regis Baptist Church on FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER AT 11.30AM, followed by interment in Lyme Regis Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Marie Curie Nurses C/O J F Clarke & Son, Lyme Road, Axminster, EX13 5BE or at the service.

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Happy diamond anniversary
Mum & Dad
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Lots of love Frances & Tony xx

Family Announcement Form will return in next week's paper!
Email: announcements@viewnews.co.uk

'A fair budget' says Dorset MP

SOUTH Dorset MP, Richard Drax, has welcomed Chancellor Philip Hammond's Autumn Budget.

"Given that there is very little room for manoeuvre, this is a fair and balanced budget," said Mr Drax. "The elephant in the room is, of course, the £49.9 billion debt interest that the OBR has forecast for this year."

"As the Chancellor said, it cannot be right to spend more on debt interest than we do on our police and our Armed Forces combined."

"But I welcome the news that this onerous burden will peak this year and dwindle to its lowest level in 20 years by 2023."

"Meanwhile, the Chancellor has addressed a number of pressing concerns for my constituents. The abolition of the 7-day waiting period for Universal Credit claimants is good news; UC is a long overdue and necessary reform, designed to free people from the benefits trap, but it still needs some adjustments."

"I also welcome raising the personal tax allowance to £11,850 from April, cutting fuel duty and boosting the national living wage to £7.83. Any innovations which allow people to keep more of what they earn are certainly moves in the right direction."

"£2.8 billion extra for the NHS, including £350 million immediately for this winter, will be welcomed by many in Dorset where the proposed changes have caused great anxiety. And I am delighted that the Chancellor has promised to underwrite whatever pay settlement arises out of the discussions on nurses' pay."

"On housing, the abolition of stamp duty for 80 per cent of first time buyers should give a welcome boost to the sluggish market and investment in building more homes will help to meet the demand. However, I am glad to see existing, rigorous protections of green belt land will remain."

"My only real concern is that there is no additional defence spending in this Budget. There are, once again, constant warnings being sounded in the Armed Forces about overstretch and underfunding. We must not neglect the defence of the realm."

"Finally, I was glad to see an additional £3 billion committed to ensuring a successful Brexit. We have already spent £300 million; this extra will ensure that we are properly prepared to take back control of our country's laws, finances and borders."

Group launched to lobby MPs over Brexit deal

WEST Dorset for Europe has held its first AGM in Dorchester, making official its campaign to fight against a hard Brexit and for the best deal possible for Britain. The group, affiliated to Britain for Europe, is formed of people from across political parties and those of none. What they have in common is a desire to campaign against any Brexit deal that leaves people worse off.

Newly elected chairman of the group Kay Wilcox said: "Our supporters and members would prefer that we remain within the European Union. The electorate did not vote for a Brexit deal that left them worse off and any arrangement on those lines is not a deal worth having. Leaving the European Union without a deal would be the worst possible outcome."

The group aims to continue campaigning in the area and will focus its efforts on MPs who are not opposing a bad deal for the UK.

Ms Wilxcox continued, "Prices in the shops are rising now. Recent research has shown that increased prices due to the Referendum result are equivalent to a £448 per annum pay cut. That's almost a week's wage to the average worker. We want our local MPs to put our country first. We will continue to campaign for the best possible outcome for Dorset."

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Royal visit for Poundbury primary school

■ PRINCE Charles arrives in Poundbury to be greeted by reporters all asking about the engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle which had been announced by Clarence House just minutes before he arrived

by Lottie Welch
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PRINCE Charles paid a visit to Poundbury on Monday (November 27th) to officially open Damers First School.

He was welcomed by the headteacher Catherine Smith, staff and pupils, together with the Mayor of Dorchester Councillor Susie Hosford and local dignitaries, and given a tour of the building.

The school moved to the Poundbury site in April this year and staff showed Prince Charles the school's sustainability programme.

His visit to his Poundbury Estate also included a tour of the high-tech firm, Loop Technology where the prince was shown was shown 3d robot scanning and virtual reality in action. Both are new technologies the automation experts at Loop are currently developing.

Alun Reece, Technical Director at Loop explained "we were delighted to welcome HRH to Loop Technology, it was a real honour to show him FibreEYE and HoloCell both ground-breaking technologies where we've identified a need but as yet nothing automated exists."

The business relocated to Poundbury in August 2016, reinvigorating the disused factory and establishing the Loop Technology Centre.

Prince Charles' final visit of the day was to the retirement complex named after his grandmother, Bowes Lyon Court.

The royal visit coincided with the announcement that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are engaged, to which Prince Charles said he was "thrilled" and "very happy indeed".

They are due to get married in the spring next year.

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Lot 107- A silver topped cruet set

Director and Spa Consultant at La Vie spa, Verna Haywood (centre holding the award,) with husband Roy (centre left,) and the La Vie spa team Nikki Franklin, Amy-Jayne Kilvert, Jan Bradley, Mark Franklin and Rose Bruce

Recognition for Portland spa

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Crabbers' Wharf development wins Civic Society's top award

WEYMOUTH Civic Society's Annual Award has been given to the Crabbers' Wharf development at Castletown, Portland.

The vacant and decaying Copine crab processing buildings on Castletown Pier have been replaced by a modern building ingeniously designed to suggest the form of a ship.

The ground floor provides small marine business units, with nine holiday apartments above, named Caissons View after the two Second World War 'mulberry harbour' Phoenix Caissons in the harbour nearby.

The building was praised for its attractive modern design, fitting in well with the local maritime environment. It has made a valuable contribution to reviving the Castletown area, which suffered badly following the closure of the naval base, and is part of a major project which includes the refurbishment and re-use of the old Admiralty buildings for Agincare, the new D-Day museum in the same building, newly refurbished shop units and a new building for a diving centre.

Further awards are made for the splendid monument on the open space of Bincleaves Green to Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, owner of Belfield House and MP for Weymouth who during the early part of the 19th century played a major part in the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

A special award has been given to the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society who commissioned the monument, of whom particular praise is given for the unstinting work by Dr. John Fannon and Mrs Joyce Fannon in the achievement of the monument.

Crabbers' Wharf at Castletown, Portland - winner of the Civic Society's annual award

Weymouth College Stonemasonry has received the Civic Society's Practical Artistry Award for the design of the monument by Peter Loizou, of the School, and for the detailed carving by stonemasonry students.

Other awards were: Certificate of merit for the sensitive restoration of the 19th century Lansdowne Villa in Lansdowne Square, Rodwell, and adjoining new houses and landscaping.

Commendations for Monterey, 70 Buxton Road, and for Phase 1 of the new Lorton Park development at Broadwey.

Letters of appreciation for Numbers 38-40 The Esplanade, where unsuitable restaurant and shop fronts have been totally replaced, restoring a more appropriate Georgian and Victorian character to these historic buildings; also for the careful refurbishment of 24 Trinity Road, The Old Harbour House, adjacent to Chapelhay Steps which now has The Bridge Fair Trade Shop on the ground floor.

The awards evening, held at the Nothe Fort, was attended by the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Councillor Kevin Brookes and Mayoress Mrs Anne Brookes, and the Deputy Mayor of Portland, Councillor Rod Wild.

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Deeply Dippy in Dorchester

WORK is about to start on preparing the Dorset County Museum for the arrival of the Natural History Museum's Dippy the Diplodocus.

The massive dinosaur skeleton arrives in the county town in February.

Work will start on Monday, December 4th preparing two of Dorset County Museum's galleries to accommodate the temporary attraction.

The Victorian Hall and the Dorchester Gallery, which displays many artefacts from the county town's past from Roman times to the 20th century will be cleared, catalogued and stored to allow space for visitors to view Dippy when he is finally in place. The installation of the supporting text and other information will also get underway.

The Victorian Hall will be given the same treatment, including maintenance and repairs to the antique pine parquet floor, before the two-ton replica dinosaur skeleton arrives.

Director of the Dorset County Museum, Jon Murden said "This is going to be a major exercise in preparing the space for Dippy. It is also the last opportunity to view the artefacts currently on display in both the Victorian Hall and Dorchester Gallery in this current state.

"Dippy on Tour: A Natural History Adventure will also be the last temporary exhibition to be hosted by us before we close certain sections of the galleries to begin the major redevelopment of the museum, which will be completed in 2020".

Tutankhamun Exhibition is a children's favourite

The Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester has been voted runner-up in the Favourite Museum or Historic Attraction Reader Star Awards for 2017 organised by Primary Times.

Primary Times is a what's on guide for families and teachers of primary school children. This year has seen record numbers of Primary Times readers voting in the awards for the attractions they have enjoyed visiting.

"We're very honoured to have been voted runner up in the favourite museum or historical attraction byPrimary Times readers," said Tim Batty manager of the Tutankhamun Exhibition.

"We always try to ensure that visitors to the Tutankhamun Exhibition have the best possible experience, and the whole team are delighted that this has been recognised with this award.

"The award comes at a special time as this week marks the 95th anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in 1922. It is probably the world's greatest discovery of ancient treasure and caused worldwide excitement and fascination about Tutankhamun. Never before had such a complete pharaohs tomb been found with all its treasures intact and untouched.

Since its opening 30 years ago the Tutankhamun Exhibition has welcomed over two million visitors and has won praise from Egyptologists , museum professionals, and the public for its innovative and exciting approach."

The Tutankhamun Exhibition is open daily from 10am to 4pm (closed 13 to 26 December). For more information visit www.tutankhamun-exhibition.co.uk

■ TIM Batty, Daphne Main and Kaylee Hillier from the Tutankhamun Exhibition in Dorchester with their award

Award for volunteers

VOLUNTEERS at Hardy's Birthplace visitor centre have won the Dorset Volunteer Group of the Year award. The award is in recognition of the achievements of the group over the last two years.

The volunteers are part of an NHS Support, Transition and Recovery Team that attend the Dorset County Council run visitor centre. The group's work has included creating wildlife gardens, making bird boxes, coppicing hazel, maintaining the Roman Road as well as assisting in the creation of the entrance feature and benches throughout the reserve using timber from the woodland.

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■ MADDY and her family with Charlotte Hatton, Chemotherapy Specialist Nurse (in blue) and Lynda Jiggins, Senior Healthcare Assistant

Funds from Maddy's house of horrors

A Weymouth 10-year-old who decorated her house for Halloween to raise money for cancer patients has visited Dorset County Hospital to hand over a cheque.

Madeleine Cale visited the Fortuneswell Unit to present a cheque for over £250 as a result of her fundraising efforts. She got the idea when her grandfather had to have chemotherapy at Dorset County Hospital, and Maddy decided to do something to help.

Maddy and her family decorated the front of her house in Weymouth with a Halloween theme of cobwebs, spiders, skulls and skeletons, with more scary props and decorations inside to frighten any visitors. Dozens of friends and neighbours visited the house, making donations to the hospital.

Maddy was accompanied on her trip to the hospital's Fortuneswell Unit by dad Dominic and her grandparents Dave and Rose.

She said: "We decorate the house every Halloween but this year I wanted to do something to help the hospital who has been looking after my granddad."

She also explained that at her school, St Augustin's, she had stood on a chair and told her class all about what she had done. Maddy's father Dominic said, "We are all really proud of her – it's not every day someone so young comes up with ideas like this – she's a very special person."

Staff on the ward were equally impressed with what the family had achieved. Maddy thinks that from now on she will use every Halloween as an opportunity to fundraise for charity – next year she might support the Special Care Baby Unit at the hospital as she spent time there when she was a baby.

Loving Weymouth parks and gardens

Around 80 people took part in Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's photographic competition to find beauty in the parks and gardens of the town.

The winner, Sarah, who is from Portland and works as a freelance project manager and book keeper, said: "I recently took up photography as a hobby and often find inspiration in our local parks, so I can't tell you how delighted I am to have won this competition!

"I grew up in Weymouth and spent some very happy teenage summer holidays on the beach near Greenhill. I had a summer job in the Greenhill Gardens Café, right next to where my photo was taken, so of course Greenhill Gardens holds many happy memories for me. During the last couple of years I have increased the amount of walking I do, aiming for 10,000 steps a day, so having a park or two along my walking routes is so uplifting."

The competition was judged by members of the Friends Groups, who support the parks and gardens. They were impressed by the high standards and also particularly liked Marc Eyre's atmospheric shot of Sandsfoot Castle.

The winning entry and a selection of the other photographs will shortly be on display at the borough council offices in Commercial Road.

Councillor Kate Wheller, Community Facilities Briefholder which covers parks and gardens, said: "Our parks and gardens are among the best in the whole country and a fantastic asset to our borough.

"I would encourage everyone to go and explore the beauty that is on their doorstep, after all a walk in the park is free, healthy and fun."

Around 3.6 million people visit Weymouth and Portland's 91 hectares of green space every year.

■ A SHOT of the flowers at Greenhill Gardens was the winning entry

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EIGHT town criers battled it out in the 30th Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy Competition for Dorset town criers

Photos by TIM RUSS

The best crier in Dorset

DORCHESTER town crier, Alistair Chisholm, has been named the best in Dorset at this year's town crier competition in Bridport.

Bridport town crier, John Collingwood, had the pleasure of hosting the 30th Stanley Mansbridge Perpetual Trophy Competition for Dorset town criers earlier this month, for the first time since 1938.

In total, eight criers competed to be named the best in the county by performing cries about Bridport and rope.

Each town crier was judged on diction, volume and interpretation as well as prizes for the best dressed crier.

Mr Collingwood said: "We had good support from the public, despite being held on a day when most market traders had decided not to venture out because of the bad forecast.

"Weather turned out to be kind to us and cries were performed in the Borough Gardens and Bucky Doo Square after Bridport's mayor, Cllr Anne Rickard opened proceedings in the town hall.

"The judges gave Alistair Chisholm (Dorchester town crier) his seventh win, followed by Andrew Flemming of Swanage, with Iain Mitchell (West Moors) and David Craner (Beaminster) joint third."

DORCHESTER town crier, Alistair Chisholm, was awarded first place

Residents raise funds for cancer research by eating their way around the world

STRATTON residents have celebrated the success of their 'Eat Your Way Round the World' event, which raised over £2,000 for cancer research.

Cheques for £1,020 will be sent to both Breast Cancer Now and Orchid, fighting male cancer.

Eight tables representing eight different countries were decorated and three courses of traditional dishes from those countries served. These were Persia, Italy, India, Scotland, England, the Caribbean, Spain and Russia.

The event was the brainchild of Stratton resident, Rosie Barfoot, who admits it would not have been possible without the dedication of her team of chefs and helpers. This is the third time the event has been run.

Raffle prizes had been donated by local firms; such as Dorset Cereals, Thomas J Fudge's Bakery, Saxon Arms and The Posh Partridge. These contributed to the fund raising.

The team would like to thank everyone who helped and supported this event and made it a fantastic success. If you would like to find out how you could run it for your chosen charity, please contact Rosie Barfoot at rosie@training-for-results.co.uk

SOME of the fundraising team of chefs and helpers

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La Vie spa

Portland's La Vie spa scoops Silver at Dorset Tourism Awards

PORTLAND'S La Vie spa team said they "couldn't be happier" after scooping a silver award at the Dorset Tourism awards.

Cheers rang round the table as it was announced the spa at Maritime Hotel in Southwell had been awarded silver in the Spa and Wellbeing Experience of the Year category. The awards were celebrated at a black-tie event at the Lighthouse Poole and saw businesses from across the region shortlisted for the 25 categories.

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The Dorset Tourism Awards celebrate the best of the county's businesses and the La Vie team said they were 'delighted, overjoyed and ecstatic' to receive the award.

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"We pride ourselves on always creating bespoke treatments for each of our clients, and tailoring everything we do to help with the individual's needs. We are constantly investing in training and new techniques to ensure we can offer state-of-the-art beauty and wellness therapies in the heart of Dorset.

"Recent investments include the pioneering Elemis Biotec facial system and our Elemis skin care masterclass events, which have proven to be very popular with customers. We put our heart and soul into everything we do, so to receive this award is just wonderful.

"We would like to thank all our clients for their support over the years and everyone at the Dorset Tourism Awards for a great evening."

The black-tie dinner rounded off a record-breaking year for Dorset Tourism Awards, one that saw more entries than ever before, meaning that judging was closer than ever.

In total, there were 123 entries for the awards, sponsored by Saffery Champness. All the entrants went through a three-stage judging process including looking at the entries and their digital activities, mystery shopper-style visits and then a decision was taken by an independent panel of judges. This year the judges carried out a record 90 visits to businesses, often as mystery visitors. All finalists received either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award on the night.

The awards organisers have said that all the businesses successful in last night's awards will be 'considered for matching categories in the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.' These take place in February, and businesses could even get the chance to go on to represent the county at the National VisitEngland Awards later in 2018.

La Vie spa has great offers currently available for Christmas, so why not treat yourself or a loved one to the gift of relaxation? Book in now via the website (www.laviespa.co.uk,) by calling 01305 826000, or via email info@laviespa.co.uk.

▲ The La Vie spa team at Dorset Tourism Awards 2017

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Meet Father Christmas

CHILDREN are being invited to meet Father Christmas in Weymouth and hand him their letters.

He will be making an early stop in Greenhill Gardens, The Esplanade Weymouth at 3pm on Sunday December 10th, organised by the Friends of the Greenhill Gardens group.

Musicians Lesley with Family and Friends will be providing the music for Christmas Singing around the Bandstand.

Mince Pies and Winter Warmer drinks will also be available at the event.

Santa sleigh

PORTLAND Rotary club has arranged for Santa and his sleigh to tour the area in the coming weeks.

The sleigh and Santa will be outside Tesco in Easton on Sunday, December 10th. December and Tuesday 12th.

The sleigh will also be at the Christmas Promise in Easton on Friday 15th.

The Rotarians and helpers will be travelling round the island with Santa in his sleigh on the evenings of 13th, 14th, 20th. and 21st.

The routes and timings may vary due to weather conditions. For details close to the time visit the Rotary Club Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/islandofportlandrotaryclub/ to see exactly where it we will be on which night.

Tree of Hope

Dorchester Amnesty Group's 'Tree of Hope' will be in South Street this Saturday, December 2nd.

Volunteers will be collecting signatures on Christmas cards between 9.30 am and 3 pm to send to a prisoner of conscience or human rights defenders.

"We will supply and post the cards, though voluntary donations towards postage are always welcome," said secretary to the group, Christine Tempest.

Weldmar Light up a Life services

THE annual 'Light up a Life' service with carols takes place at the Weldmar Hospice in Dorchester next week.

Every year, thousands of people remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones through lights sponsored in their name, although Light up a Life is for everyone – not only for the many patients and families Weldmar has helped.

The Dorchester services takes place on Tuesday, December 5th at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Herringston Road at 6.30pm.

A similar service will be held on Sunday, December 10th at Hope Square, Weymouth at 4.30pm with another on Tuesday, December 12th at Abbotsbury Gardens at 4.30pm.

There will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication during the Parish Carol Service in St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm.

More details of all the services and of how to dedicate a light to those you wish to remember can be found at www.weldhospice.org.uk/lightupalife or by calling 01305 261800.

Journey to the Stable exhibition

AN interactive 'Journey to the Stable' opens in Dorchester this weekend at the United Church in South Street.

The walk-through exhibition is described as "an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas."

The journey takes 20 – 30 minutes, taking visitors to seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object to take away.

It opens this Saturday, December 2nd, and will then be open from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th and then again on December 11th.

Visitors are also being invited to try the church 'Sheep Trail' – spotting sheep which have wandered off from the 'Journey to the Stable' and are hiding in shops or shop windows. Collect a card from the United Church shop (mornings only) or the Tourist Information Centre with the names of the lost sheep and see if you can spot them. When you find one, the shop will put a sticker on your card. Bring back your completed card to 'Journey to The Stable' and you will be given a book about the Nativity.

Fizzy bopper support for young mum's cancer treatment

AT the beginning of November all local Fizzy Boppers groups embarked on a week of sponsored dance to raise money for local mum Sian Kwan who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.

Fizzy Boppers is a high energy dance group for children aged 0-5 years that runs in Dorchester, Bridport, Maiden Newton and Netherbury.

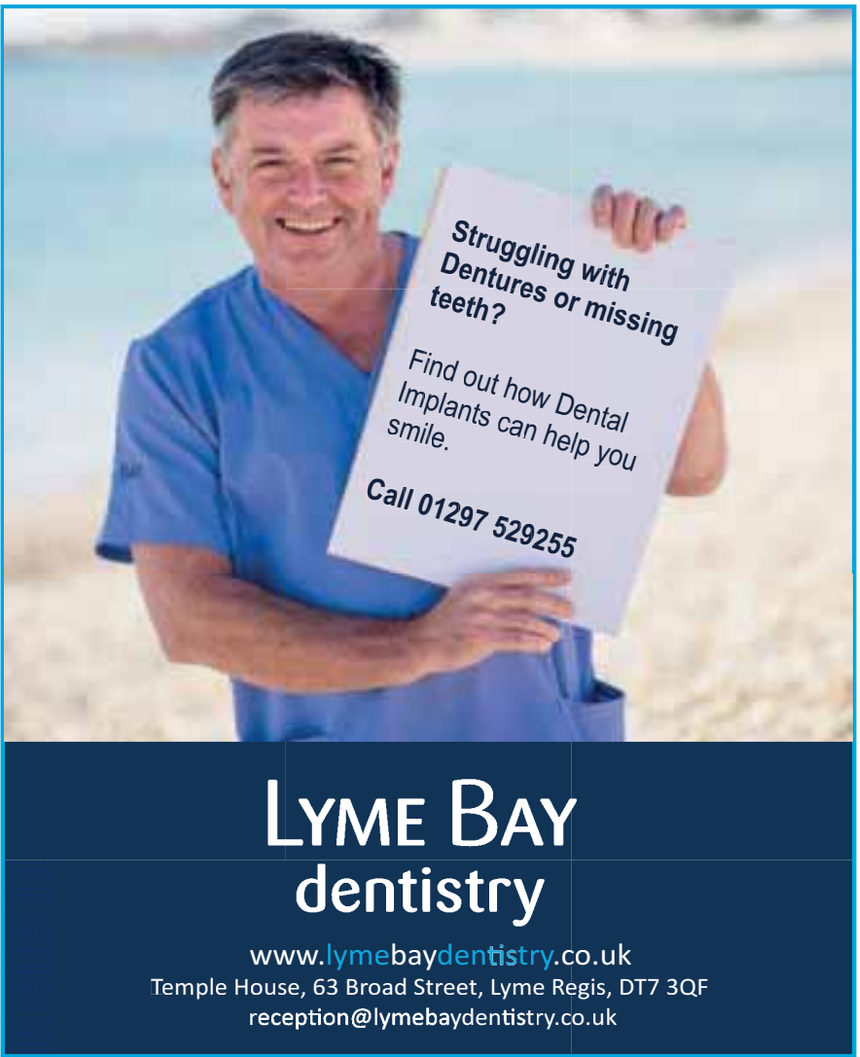
The Fizzy Boppers team, (Kelly Critchell, Kim Sibley, Georgie Easton and Sarah Ridout, pictured) heard about a young mum's battle against cancer and decided they wanted to join in with the local crowdfunding to raise money to support Sian with her ongoing treatment.

The symbol of Sian's crowdfunding is a flamingo so the families attending Fizzy Boppers were asked to collect sponsorship to dance to a brand new flamingo song. A raffle was also held during the week with some fantastic prizes from local businesses up for grabs.

Kelly Crichell, who helped organise the fundraising event said: 'The atmosphere at our groups during that week was absolutely amazing. Everyone fully supported our fundraising and danced their socks off to our new flamingo song. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses that donated prizes for our raffle, we all truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.'

The final total raised throughout that week by Fizzy Boppers families was £500 which all went directly to Sian to support her with her treatment.

● To find out more about Fizzy Boppers please visit www.fizzyboppers.co.uk or their Facebook page.



Advent concert

AN advent concert is being held at St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester, this Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm.

The Occasional Singers will be exploring the rich field of music for Advent with a varied programme from plainsong and renaissance polyphony through music from the 18th and 19th centuries to modern works, all taking inspiration from the events leading up to the Nativity.

A retiring collection will be taken in aid of research into Parkinson's Disease.

Bin your butts

THE number of cigarette butts being thrown down on Dorchester streets has halved – as the results of a #BinYourButt campaign.

Litter Free Dorset and Dorchester BID have provided a new cigarette bin on Princes Street to encourage smokers not to throw their fag ends on the street as part of the campaign.

Organisers say that in seven weeks, the town has gone from 1,000 butts being dropped each week to 550.

Christmas quiz

A CHRISTMAS Quiz is being held in the Brownsword Hall. Dorchester this Friday, December 1st, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Entry costs £3 with participants invited to bring their own drinks and nibbles, with tea and coffee available at half time.

The Quiz Night hosted by Nigel Walker and for those who come along alone you will be helped to join a team.

Tickets via the website www.brownswordevents.org.uk

Lunch club

AGE UK Dorchester runs a lunch club every Wednesday and Friday at 12.30pm from its centre at Rowan Cottage in Dorchester.

The two-course hot lunch is freshly prepared in the charity's kitchen and costs £6, including tea or coffee.

For further information contact Lisa Holmes on 01305 269 444.

■ Dorchester Town Crier Alistair Chisholm congratulates a runner during the marathon. Inset the medals

Dorchester marathons up for award

DORCHESTER'S first ever marathon and half marathon have been nominated for a national award - with organisers hoping local people will vote to support them.

Both races have been put forward in the best newcomer categories of the 2018 Running Awards with voting takes place on line until the end of November 29th.

Andy Palmer owns White Star Running which organised the races said: "Our ethos is 'runner first' and we know what makes a really good run for runners.

"We believe in races that are tough, marshals who are friendly, views that are awesome and beer that is cold."

Around 1,500 people took part in the two events with runners coming from all over the UK as well as from Dorchester. Hundreds of people turned out to cheer the runners on through the middle of Dorchester and in surrounding villages.

John Adams, chair of the organising committee, said: "We set about organising a first class event which involved the local community and raised money for good causes at the same time.

"We achieved all these things and are really proud that we had such positive feedback from all the runners who took part. We hope that this is reflected in the voting in these awards."

You can vote on www.therunningawards.com

Christmas band

DORCHESTER'S Durnovaria Silver Band will be entertaining local shoppers and others with their Christmas programme.

The band will be in South Street, Dorchester for carols on Saturday, December 9th December from 10.30am for about two hours.

Later in the day, from 4.30pm, until 6.30pm they will be at the Smugglers Inn, Osmington and then with the Crossways sing a long at St Aldhelms church from 7pm.

On Friday 15th the band will be at the Saxon Arms, Stratton from 7 until 9pm and the following day, Saturday 16th, back in South Street for carols from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

They will be providing the music for the Borough Gardens carols on Thursday, December 21st from 6.30pm.

On Christmas Day they will play for guests at The George Albert hotel, Wardon Hill from 11.30am until 2.30pm.

Marie Curie funds

DORCHESTER area fund-raisers for the Marie Curie cancer charity have raised just under £90,000 since it was set up three years ago.

The money is used to help pay for nursing care locally.

"So, for anyone of you who helped to raise this magnificent total, please accept our grateful thanks, and be proud of what you've done for Marie Curie. I think that we have a good strength of supporters who are willing to put their hands to all sorts of fundraising, even if they make fools of themselves," said chairman Richard Crosby.

He says that amongst the fund-raising efforts being planned is Emma Drake, who ran in the Dorchester Marathon for the local group, has secured a place in next year's London Marathon. Her sister Jo Gallie and husband Simon will be walking the Great Wall of China next year for the group.

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Owner, Gary Lancaster and his partner Gaynor have filled the store with an array of beautiful and quirky Christmas gifts. You will find spectacular giant ceramic fruit, sparkling candelabras and cake stands, bar ware and decorative retro dishes displayed on beautiful oak tables. There are adorable Pomme-pidou ceramic money boxes in a variety of designs and colours, and cold-cast bronze figurines of dogs and horses by designer, Harriet Glen.

Gary says, "We try to source unusual, quality items to suit all tastes and budgets. Our customers appreciate that we don't have sales. We simply keep our prices as low as possible at all times." If you haven't visited their store by Brewery Square, you really are encouraged to go and see the gorgeous stock and check out the very reasonable prices for yourself.

Gary continues, "our realistic T-rex and Triceratops dinosaur ornaments and amazing quirky and colourful surprise bassets are flying out of the shop. In fact all our gifts from beautiful crystal perfume

bottles to traffic-light and steering wheel clocks are proving popular with our customers this Christmas."

This season's most popular gift are the selection of branded wooden boxes! From the Harry Potter themed range you can find Hogwarts boxes and then other luxury branded boxes include Hunter International, Coco Chanel, Prosecco, Land Rover and Barbour International.

Shoppers who visit Avenue Interiors are assured of a warm welcome and an interesting shopping experience. With easy parking in Fairfield market opposite, you can shop to your hearts content and no long walk back to the car.

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DORCHESTER CHRISTMAS CRACKER
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

THIS year's Cracker Night promises to be bigger than ever, with a greater number of retailers staying open and more market stalls extending into High West Street.

There will be 2 very special guests turning the lights on at 6:30pm outside St Peter's Church. TV's popular Fire and Police pups will take to the stage to press the magic button to illuminate Dorchester and will be available for photographs afterwards.

Santa will be in his Grotto at Dorset County Museum, which will be open from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Entry to the museum will be free and everyone is welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the Victorian Hall and the tea room will be open as well. Sci-Fi characters will add an exciting dynamic to the festive atmosphere.

The churches in High West Street will open their doors from 5pm with a carol service in St Peter's and the Rock Choir in Holy Trinity. Both churches will be serving mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be a lantern parade from 6:00pm from Top o' Town Roundabout organised by Dorset Arts with children carrying lanterns made in the "Create a Christmas Lantern" workshop on 3rd December.

The Rock Choir will be giving 2 performances on Dorchester Xmas Cracker night this year.

A 70-strong choir will perform at both 5.15pm – 6pm and then again at 6.45pm – 7.30pm at Holy Trinity RC Church, so there really is no reason to miss out! The concert will also feature the fabulous fiery fiddle playing Nina Garcia and a collection will be taken for LEAF a Dorset based Leukaemia charity.

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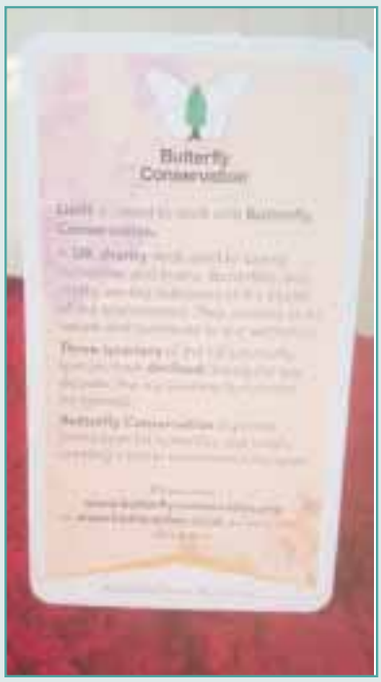

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Christmas IN DORCHESTER

Frank Herring & Sons

WALKING into Frank Herring & Sons art and craft shop in Dorchester is like stepping into a creative adventure. For the professional or the hobbyist alike, whatever your age, there is an extensive range of products filling shelves from floor to ceiling providing inspiration for all sorts of projects.

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We look forward to seeing you all on Cracker night to join in with our doodle competition.

Established in 1930 the shop is now run by the third generation of the family with the help from their friendly and informed staff who endeavour to answer customer's questions and locate their requirements.

As you hunt amongst the varied art and craft materials you will find some 'Herring Products', such as easels and palettes, designed by members of the family.

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Santa's reindeers will be visiting Brewery Square on Christmas Eve from midday until 2pm, before starting their journey around the world in preparation for the big day.

Charlotte Spracklen, centre manager for Brewery Square, commented: "We are very excited to welcome Somerset Reindeer Ranch to Brewery Square with their reindeer this year. It's the first event of its kind for Brewery Square and we can't wait to see families enjoying the magic of Christmas in the Square."

Joining Santa's reindeers, Brewery Square is delighted to welcome back Skating in the Square, which will be available for families to enjoy, from Saturday November 25 until New Year's Eve. Tickets are £6 and can be booked at skatinginthesquare.co.uk in advance.

For more festive activities, a full list of events can be found via www.brewerysquare.com. The retail offering at Brewery Square includes Woods Furniture, HOBBS, Phase Eight, Jones Bootmaker, Joules and Stolen from Susie. Restaurants include - Zizzi, Carluccio's, Wagamama and Morrish and Banham wine merchant and tasting room.

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Dorchester ARTS

THERE'S a whole host of events at Dorchester Arts this Christmas to get you out into the twinkling lights brightening the deep mid-winter.

Kick up your heels as Police Dog Hogan come Dorchester Arts at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on 9 December. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

On Sunday 17 December as we offer up a festive musical treat from one of the UK's leading contemporary string quartets, the Ligeti Quartet. The highlight of the evening is a wonderful adaptation for strings and narrator of A Child's Christmas in Wales, chronicling Dylan Thomas' own childhood memories and remains one of his most popular and loved works.

Once the Dorset schools have broken up, indulge the wannabe Annas, Elsas, Kristoffs or even Olafs in your life with Dorchester Art's Frozen Singalong. What is becoming an annual event, Disney's Frozen will be shown on the big screen once again here at Dorchester's Corn Exchange. A perfect Christmas treat for the whole family to enjoy whatever the weather – but hey...the cold never bothered us anyway...

Just to make sure that you're well and truly in the Christmas spirit, Dorchester Arts closes its Autumn season with The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmassness! A celebration of everything Christmassy, come along and meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, hear the tale of the first Christmas Tree, play hunt the Brussel sprout and endure the world's worst Christmas jumper.

Tickets are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. For some events members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

Reduced speed limit?

WEYMOUTH'S Preston Beach Road could have its current 50mph speed limit reduced to 40mph.

Local councillors and some residents have argued that having a 30mph limit, followed by the 50mph zone over the space of 500 metres makes no sense.

Traffic sensors back the evidence giving an average vehicle speed as 40mph.

The section includes The Front skatepark and several places where people cross to get either to the beach, of the bird reserve and council tip.

The decision to make the section 40mph is expected to be approved by the County Council Cabinet when it meets next Wednesday, December 6th.

Litter free Weymouth

A SECURITY company is likely to continue working in Weymouth town centre to try and keep the area's streets litter free.

More than 550 fixed penalty notices have been issued by 3GS staff in the borough between February and mid-October, the majority for litter, and most of those for cigarette butts. Others have been fined for dog fouling.

Some councillors have now called for the scheme to cover a wider area.

Managing director at 3GS Paul Buttivant said that his staff have been considerate in the way they work. He told councillors that had they been 'more robust' there would have been three or four times the number of fixed penalty notices issued.

A final decision will be made by the borough council's management committee which is being recommended to maintain the service.

Wildlife Trust meeting

DORSET Wildlife Trust will hold this year's annual meeting for members on Friday, December 8th at the Chesil Beach Centre. The event starts at 11.30am.

■ PALMERS brewery is to be the main sponsor for February's Dorchester Beerex – the 30th. It will take place in Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday and Saturday February 2nd and 3rd 2018. Over the years the event, run by Round Table and Camra has raised in excess of £150K. This year's main beneficiary will be the Dorchester Social Stroke Club.

Palmers' brewery of Bridport is to sponsor the event for the fourth consecutive year running.

Marketing director Cleeves Palmer said: "Palmers Brewery is delighted to be the main sponsor of Dorchester Beerex again in 2018. It is a tremendous coming together of real ale enthusiasts and it is a great opportunity for them to try all the different ales that are on offer these days."

Dorchester Beerex committee members are pictured at the brewery with Cleeves Palmer on the right and Darren Batten, head brewer, on the far left.

Network business lunch

LAWYERS Humphries Kirk is set to finish this year's programme of business networking events with its Top O' Town Lunch Club in Dorchester.

It will take place on Thursday December 14th at the Wessex Royale Hotel. Guest speaker Richard Southam, Chiropractor, from Aquae Sulis, Dorchester will be the guest speaker.

Barry White, marketing consultant at Humphries Kirk and organiser of the Top O' Town Lunch Club, commented: "Our Top O' Town Lunch Club programme offers the perfect place for delegates to meet other business people over a relaxed and informal lunch.

"We've received great feedback from our Lunch Club events throughout the year and look forward to finishing the year with this networking event."

Those interested in attending the December Top O' Town Lunch Club, should email b.white@hklaw.eu. Guests are encouraged to arrive at 12.30pm for a prompt 1pm start.

Women's equality talk

HEALTH worker and campaigner for women's equality, Lynne Hubbard, will be speaking at an open meeting in Dorchester.

Her talk, on Saturday December 2nd, ties in with the recent public debates about sexual harassment, abuse and violence.

She will be asking: "How do we get rid of sexual abuse and violence?"

The meeting, organised by Dorset Socialists, will take place at the Colliton Club at 1.30pm.

In the publicity material for the meeting the organisers say: "Women's oppression is part of capitalist society - the same society in which women are paid less than men for doing the same work, are more likely to live in poverty, pay a heavier price for "austerity", and still take more responsibility for housework and childcare. The view that women's lives are less important than men's comes from the top. In challenging poverty and inequality we also challenge oppression, including sexist attitudes that encourage men to treat women as sexual objects."

Invitation to 'Try This'

The 'Try This Dorchester' committee is inviting local people to join them for their annual meeting this week.

The event, which started in 2013 to encourage people to try something new, will be held again in 2018.

The group's annual meeting takes place this Thursday, November 30th, from 5pm-6pm in the Council Chamber, upstairs at the Corn Exchange.

The programme is coordinated by a group of volunteers and has offered a range of sessions such as IT skills, singing, bee keeping, crocheting and even drystone walling.

Volunteers are being invited to join the committee. Please email the group at hello@trythisdorchester.org.uk or call 01305 819463.

Thursday Group

THE Thursday Group will be holding its Christmas meeting on Thursday, 14th December (2.15 pm – 4.00 pm) at St. George's Hall, Fordington. There will be carols and songs, a brain teasing quiz and a raffle. The afternoon will also provide the perfect opportunity to meet with friends over a cup of tea and a mince pie. (Entrance fee £1).

Lost photograph

A SCHOOL photograph from the summer of 1935 has been found outside on the of the dental surgeries in Bridport Road, Dorchester.

If the photograph is yours, or you know who it belongs to, please contact Dorchester (01305) 757047.

Christmas fair

A CHRISTMAS Fair will be held in the United Church hall, Dorchester this Saturday, November 25th.

The Friends of Dorset County Hospital event, which starts at 10am, is being organised by the to raise money for the new radiotherapy unit.

New chairman for Dorset LEP

DORSET Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Stewart, Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners, as its new Chair.

The appointment was made by the Dorset LEP Board following the completion of former chairman's Gordon Page's term in office.

Mr Stewart (pictured) was appointed Chief Executive of Poole Harbour Commissioners in 2002 and has been a board member of the British Ports Association (BPA) Council since then.

Mr Stewart has managed shipping companies in the UK and overseas since 1988 after commencing his career as a shipbroker on the Baltic Exchange in the City of London.

In the past six years, he has served as chairmanof BPA, Chair of Maritime UK (representing UK ports and the UK maritime services sector), Chair of UK Port Skills, and Safety and chairman of Access to UK Ports committee. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Mr Stewart gained an MBA at the Cass Business School in London and has served as President and council member of Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has also held a number of non-executive positions, including the Director of Poole Lighthouse Arts Centre.

On his appointment, Mr Stewart, said: "I am both delighted and honoured to have been selected for this important role, particularly during this exciting time with so much growth activity taking place across Dorset, helping to create jobs and strengthen the local economy.

"I am committed to ensuring the success of Dorset's vision for a sustainable, competitive and innovative economy, as well as helping to guide the LEP's work on attracting and retaining high skilled workers and delivering accessible and affordable housing.

"Dorset's sector strengths in finance, advanced engineering, agriculture, tourism and the creative industries has made it an attractive place to do business and I look forward to playing a more pivotal role in helping our private and public sector partners to further realise its economic potential."

Lorna Carver, Dorset LEP Director, said: "Jim is a well-respected business leader and has a very good understanding of the key economic challenges and opportunities that we currently face in Dorset. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our previous chairman Gordon Page for his invaluable strategic leadership and guidance over the last six years and for helping us to achieve some major successes including securing £98.5 million in local growth funding for Dorset and attaining Enterprise Zone status for the new Dorset Innovation Park.

£200,000 for youth projects

DORSET County Council has relaunched its #CrowdfundDorset campaign with a new Innovation Fund of £200,000 for local youth projects in the community, following a successful pilot last year.

The council has once again teamed up with Crowdfunder.co.uk to offer local groups and organisations the opportunity to raise funds for their project online, before applying for a contribution from the council – a cash injection of up to £10,000 – on top of what has already been raised.

Weymouth St Paul's Harriers Long Jump, a project who looked to refurbish its long jump site after relocating the athletics club following years of vandalism and anti-social behaviour, is one project that benefited from the last round of crowdfunding. During the 2016 pilot scheme, the project received a generous £10,000 from the council, totalling an impressive final sum of £16,000.

Call for a more sensitive approach to housing from countryside campaigners

Trevor Bevins
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DORSET countryside campaigners have called for a 'bottom up' approach to local housing – rather than having numbers imposed on areas by Government.

The call came at the annual meeting of the Dorset branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

The meeting welcomed its new chief officer, Crispin Truman, as well as actor Edward Fox, its president, to its 80th anniversary annual general meeting.

Crispin, who led the Churches Conservation Trust before taking on his new role, spoke of the challenges facing the CPRE as it campaigns on many fronts to protect the countryside.

He said that the campaigners should focus on need to protect Green Belts and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) from inappropriate housing developments. He called for "a more bottom-up community-led sensitive approach to housing from government, rather than the current adversarial top-down one". CPRE would also encourage the government to adopt a land-use strategy for England.

He stressed that CPRE will focus in 2018 on fewer but bigger campaigns, with the intention to give a more positive image and concentrate on solutions. One of these will be the drive to provide more affordable rural housing, which the government and developers have failed to achieve.

Richard Nicholls, the Chairman of Dorset CPRE's Trustees, spoke of the problems facing Dorset in particular. He said that the countryside, Green Belts and AONBs are under threat from development while little provision was being made for infrastructure, such as public transport, doctors' surgeries and improved roads. There was far too little affordable housing. He said:" there should be the right housing in the right places, for the right people - in particular young people". He was also very concerned over the loss of subsidies to farmers, resulting from Brexit, with the threat of the industrialisation of farming and the adverse impact on the countryside.

He said that, in essence, Dorset CPRE stands for the same things now as when the branch was opened in 1937 - to retain a beautiful, diverse countryside for the benefit of everyone, wherever they live.

"Dorset has a countryside that can give us the big views, open skies and tranquillity we all require, and also a vibrant, productive countryside which provides good livelihoods and the natural products we will need, like food and fresh water. A great deal has been lost, but Dorset still has a glorious countryside which needs CPRE's care and protection," said Mr Nicholls.

Mr Fox read a selection of poems, including Dorset by John Betjeman , celebrating the county and its countryside.

New chairman Crispin Truman

Richard Nicholls, chairman of the CPRE trustees

President of the Dorset branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, actor Edward Fox

Warning over virus killing pet rabbits

A WEYMOUTH and Dorchester vet is warning rabbit owners to have their pets vaccinated against a disease which has killed at least four rabbits in the area.

Dave Cumber Vets is advising rabbit owners in Dorset to have their pet rabbits vaccinated against a newer strain of Viral Haemorrhagic Diarrhoea – VHD2.

Said Mr Cumber: "Most of our rabbit-owning clients have their pets vaccinated annually with a combined vaccine against Myxomatosis & VHD1. This November we have had four very sick rabbits brought into our Weymouth surgery and sadly all have all died. The cause of death has been established at post mortem to be the VHD2 disease. The standard combined vaccine will not protect your pet against VHD2 and we strongly recommend that all rabbit owners in the area consider having their pets further vaccinated with a specific vaccine against VHD2.

The first confirmed case of VHD2 in Dorset was in Blandford in August this year and these four cases are the first we know of in Weymouth to be confirmed as VHD2."

He says that the disease is highly contagious and can be fatal. Symptoms include rabbits being 'off colour', not eating and listless.

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20,000 new homes by 2033

■ **From left, Rachel Millson (resident at the Symene Community Land Trust in Bridport), Coun Gill Taylor (Weymouth and Portland Borough Council housing briefholder), Dorset Councils Partnership strategic director Stephen Hill, Coun Tim Yarker (West Dorset District Council housing portfolio holder) who is holding the poster, head of planning Hilary Jordan, head of housing Clive Milone, Coun Graham Carr-Jones (North Dorset District Council leader and housing portfolio holder) and Lis Waters (who is on the board of the Symene Community Land Trust)**

LOCAL councils have launched a new campaign to tackle the housing crisis with a target of 20,000 new homes by 2033 in West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council aim to seize the initiative with Opening Doors - Building for the Future.

The ambitious programme will include greater action and more intervention at a local level to boost the development of more quality homes of all types - including affordable, open market, private rented and social housing.

Opening Doors - Building for the Future will also include:

- Targeting developers, landowners and housebuilders for more schemes
- Helping more Community Land Trusts use £2m of funding for 'bottom up' affordable housing
- The possibility of a Local Authority Trading Company or joint ventures to build houses and use of council land for homes
- A Home Ownership Register to help people find properties to be launched in the new year
- Consideration of a council-led mortgage scheme
- Events, such as housing fairs
- Closer working with housing associations, developers and land agents
- Interventions to kickstart stalled developments
- Moves to see more schemes with planning permission built
- Applications for Government grants
- Reaching out to SME builders and developers
- Identification of more Brownfield sites with a bespoke register

Greater focus on Self-Build initiatives

- Sensitivity towards the environment, such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

The councils will also actively pursue opportunities from Chancellor Philip Hammond's Budget last week, which included a £44bn funding pledge over next five years.

They have gained Housing Business Ready status from the Housing Finance Institute (HFI) to put expertise in place to work effectively with developers to boost housebuilding.

To reach the 20,000 target, as set out in the Western Dorset Economic Growth Strategy, an average of around 1,176 homes will need to be built every year across the three council areas in total during the period from 2016 to 2033. That is up from an annual average of 737 over the past five years.

Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, NDDC council leader and housing portfolio holder, said: "We are facing major housing shortages with demand outstripping supply.

"Opening Doors is about seizing the initiative and implementing any measures we can at a local level to help play our part in solving the housing crisis."

Dorset's population is set to rise by 14.5 per cent to 884,000 by 2039, according to latest statistics, with an expected 13,200 more jobs needed for the local economy by 2033 in north, south and west Dorset. The average house price in Dorset is £295,202 while the average salary is £24,263 - meaning a house price is 12.2 times the average. Well above the 7.6 national average.

Cllr Tim Yarker, housing portfolio holder for West Dorset District Council, said: "New homes are essential for the future sustainability, growth and prosperity of our communities.

"A mix of good quality housing will help keep young people in our area while attracting and retaining the key and skilled workers our local economy needs to grow."

Cllr Gill Taylor, housing briefholder for Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "Opening Doors will see us take decisive action and lead from the front on the housing crisis in our areas.

"We are keen to hear from anyone who wants to find out more or become involved, including groups interested in community land trusts, developers, landowners and builders."

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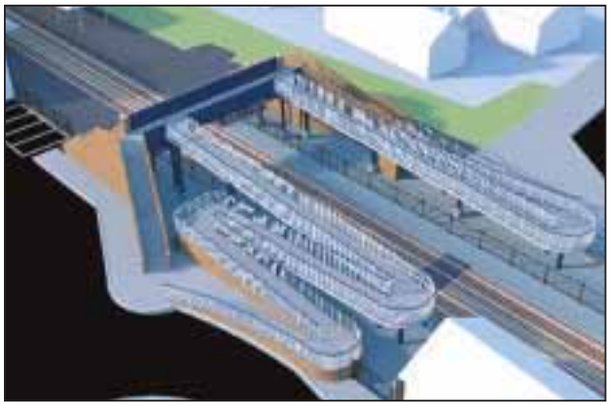

■ **The proposed ramp design**

New ramps proposed for footbridge at Wareham Station

RESIDENTS can now have their say on the planning application for new ramps to be added to Wareham Railway Station footbridge.

Dorset Highways has applied for planning permission from Dorset County Council to build the scheme, with details available through the online planning portal or at Wareham library.

The current level crossing by Wareham Railway Station has a long history and, following safety improvement requirements in 2009, has had a safety attendant monitoring the crossing between 6am and 1am (the following morning) when trains are scheduled to pass.

To provide a safer, permanent crossing facility, highway engineers have worked with Network Rail to design step-free access ramps up to the Wareham railway footbridge.

A listed building application has also been submitted to Purbeck District Council, which residents can also comment on.

Residents can submit their comments online on the planning portal, please use the Dorset County Council planning pages to comment on the planning application and use the Purbeck District Council planning pages to comment on the listed building consent: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning/applications

Will Harry and Meghan's wedding rings be made in Dorset?

A Dorchester jeweller is hoping to play a very special part in the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Goldcrest Jewellers in Hardye Arcade have told Wessex FM they're in talks with Kensington Palace to design the couple's wedding rings.

Owner Neil Strudwick says he submitted his designs this morning.

They came very close to making rings for the last Royal Wedding.

Neil said: "We actually submitted designs for them and we weren't expecting anything back and suddenly these letters came back from Kensington Palace saying they were really interested in what we were doing. We were then put forward to the final four."

"We were talking to the Palace for quite a few weeks. In the end William didn't have a wedding ring and Kate, I think, has Diana's wedding ring.

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Join in the fun at Bridport's Christmas Cheer

BRIDPORT Christmas Cheer is returning to town next Wednesday (December 6th) from 4pm, with a whole host of entertainment, events and fun.

The annual festive celebration is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping as many shops stay open later and stalls of local traders, food producers, charity groups and arts and crafts line the streets and fill the town hall, Bridport Arts Centre and Electric Palace.

Live music will be on throughout the town during the evening with local bands playing in Bucky Doo Square, and outside of The Bull Hotel and The Ropemakers, as well as carol singing by local schools and dance performances outside Bridport Antiques in West Street.

Father Christmas will once again be visiting the town and be led to his grotto in the arts centre forecourt, for the first time by a lantern parade from East Street. A free gift will be given to every child that visits Father Christmas.

The team at Bridport Museum is inviting visitors to step back in time at Bridport Christmas Cheer as they open the doors onto a Victorian Christmas with a twist.

Cheerful costumed guides will welcome to all visitors - but the surroundings are now modern and unmistakably 21st century – who can then follow a Christmas trail from pre-historic times, using the interactive tools.

As one of Bridport's three oldest buildings, the museum has shaken itself free of its historic mantle and this Christmas, the past is being marked in up-to-date surroundings, with guests being able to relive the town's past with touch screens, audio recordings and video demonstrations.

There will be chocolate coins for those who complete the trail and mince pies and hot chocolate for all.

Special gifts can be found in the museum shop, where all sales help keep the museum admission free, and there will be a raffle to win a festive hamper.

Doors will open at 4pm on Wednesday, December 6th until 8pm.

For more information, visit www.bridportmuseum.co.uk or www.facebook.com/BridportMuseum

Local businesses have also been encouraged to take part in the shop window competition, with the theme this year being 'Christmas Stocking'. The trophy for the winner will also be presented on Bridport Christmas Cheer evening. As well as the main event on Wednesday, December 6th the festive drink and cocktail trail will also return. Various venues around Bridport and the surrounding area will offer a festive tipple from December 1st to New Year's Eve. Those currently participating include:

- Beach and Barnicott, South Street, with hot freshly made mulled gin and a 'Christmas Spiced Daisy'.
- The Ropemakers, West Street, with Kir Royale and 'Dorset Gin Haze' or 'Dorset Vodka Haze'.
- BridgeHouse Hotel, Beaminster, with 'Christmas Tree Spritz'.

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★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Festive Hand Carved Roast Dorset Turkey
served with bacon wrapped chipolata sage and onion stuffing and cranberry sauce and roast potatoes
Freshly Hand Carved Roast Beef
served with homemade yorkshire pudding and chefs rich tasty gravy
Oven Baked Fillet of Salmon
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CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 1

Available Lunchtime and Evenings
Please choose from one menu only

Smoked Salmon, Prawn and Ricotta Roulades
with baby caper and lemon and dill dressing
Oven Baked Camembert Parcel
served with red onion marmalade and warm crusty bread
Duck Liver and Orange Pate
with plum chutney and melba toast
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
with chilli and crème fraiche and warm toasted ciabatta bread
Garlic Button Mushrooms and Smoked Bacon Lardons in a Rich and Creamy Dorset Blue Vinney Sauce
served on toasted rustic farmhouse bread
★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Festive Hand Carved Crown of Dorset Turkey
with sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce and bacon wrapped chipolata
Slow Roasted Belly of Pork
presented with crisp crackling, apricot stuffing and a spiced apple and cider jus
Oven Roasted Supreme of Chicken Roulettes
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Fillet of Scotch Salmon
on a bed of prawn and tarragon risotto with a classic lemon and dill sauce
Mushroom, Baby Spinach and Blue Vinney Cheese Wellington
with cranberry jus
All the above are served with buttered brussel sprouts, roasted parsnips and honey glazed carrots, roast and boulangiere potatoes
★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Traditional Steamed Christmas Pudding
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Chocolate Orange Crème Brûlée
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CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU 2

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Thai Spiced Salmon, Prawn and Dill Fishcake
with sweet chilli sauce
Somerset Goats Cheese Tart
with sun ripened tomato and fire roasted pepper
Cream of Parsnip and Apple Soup
with crispy bacon lardons and parsnip crisps
Chefs Game Terrine
with smoked streaky bacon served with toasted crostini bread
★ ✦ ★ ✦ ★
Festive Hand Carved Crown of Dorset Turkey
with sage and onion stuffing, bacon wrapped chipolata and cranberry Sauce
Slow Roasted Rack of Dorset Lamb
with garden mint, fresh rosemary and redcurrant sauce
Pan Seared Duck Breast
with a forest mushroom and port jus
Supreme of Scotch Salmon En-Croute
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There will be even more excitement and activity during December at the Customs House when Santa will be in his Grotto every weekend from Saturday, December 2nd, 11am-4pm. At a cost of just £4 per child, they will receive 2 gifts each!

The Customs House really will be your one stop shop for all your Christmas needs, including real Christmas trees and everything you need to give your home the authentic Christmas feel. Scotties of Lyme Regis will be in the courtyard with a selection of beautiful real Christmas trees and wreaths, handmade wooden reindeer and snowmen throughout the month, up until Christmas Eve.

The courtyard now includes their very own wonderful cafe, Custom Maid, ensuring you can eat, shop and relax all in the same place! The cafe is open every day serving hot and cold food and drinks.

The Customs House is ever expanding under the new ownership of Mr Geoff Grant. They are looking forward to the opening of 2 new floors of trading space in 2018 and would welcome any new traders. To trade at The Customs House cabinets are £60 per month and units start from just £110 per month, please ask Bev, the manageress, for details. Bev can be contacted on 07718 266 691 or by email on bev.beavis@customs-house.co.uk.

The Customs House will be open every day during the festive season, with the exception of Christmas Day. They will be open Boxing Day so come on in after watching the brave souls take to the sea for the annual swim!

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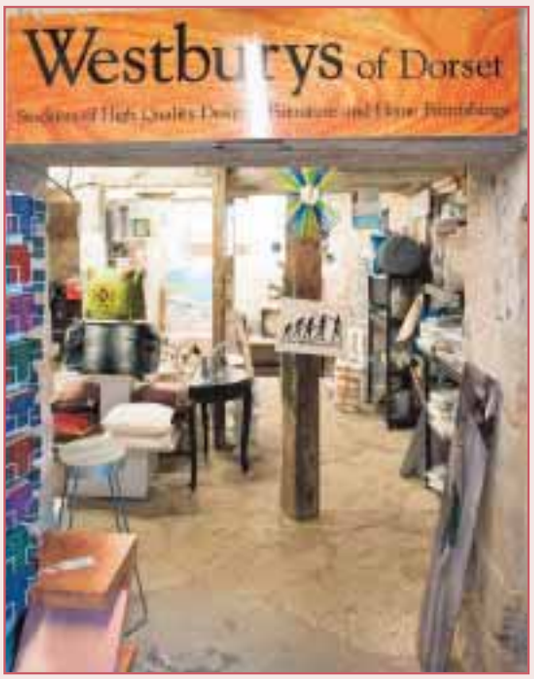

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The ultimate leisure guide for West Dorset

VIEW 2

First wave of acts are onboard for Camp Bestival's 2018 voyage

FESTI-HOLIDAY frolics ahoy! The Camp Bestival crew are hitting the slipway to launch our good ship onto the high seas of the summer holiday, brimming with incredible spectacles, joyous music, amazing food, luxury camping and tons of fun for all the family. And what's more, we like the cut of your jib, so standby to receive the very first wave of shipmates, acts and entertainers cruising into Lulworth Castle from the 26th to the 29th July 2018.

Captain da Bank says: "Ahoy there shipmates and anchors aweigh! HMS Camp Bestival is ready to set sail with our first wave of salty seadogs to announce. Expect the unexpected from rock giants Simple Minds and Shed Seven to dance gurus Orbital and Basement Jaxx and a cheeky bit of Rick Astley too… and that's just the music. From River Cottage feasts and animatronic dinosaurs, to Insect Circuses, pantomimes and a gin festival, it's full steam ahead for 2018. All aboard!

"Bringing all three of our headliners above board for this first announcement, we are delighted to reveal that Simple Minds will be heading leeward-ho on Sunday night topping the bill before our epic fireworks finale." Commenting on their headline performance Simple Minds' Jim Kerr said: "Simple Minds are delighted to be performing at Camp Bestival next year".

Rob Da Bank continued: "Effortlessly sailing the rick-rolling waves, baritone crooner Rick Astley will be joining us to headline Friday night. And we are very excited indeed to announce that Saturday's chief seafarers are huge Camp Bestival favourites, Clean Bandit.

"Keeping the big guns firing there will also be a big top headline appearance from techno trailblazers Orbital on Sunday night and Basement Jaxx will hit the decks in big ol' blue on Saturday night. But that's not all, we'll be chock-a-block with copper-bottomed good times including Sara Cox presents Just Can't Get Enough 80s warming up for Rick Astley, Brit pop heroes Shed Seven, BGT winner Tokio Myers, tender troubadour Declan McKenna, YouTuber dodie, Jamaican giants The Skatalites, and turntable wizard Jaguar Skills."

Celebrating 20 years of rocking the sweet soul and b-boy control, all with added risqué action, The Cuban Brothers will present La Familia with a full live band show, there will be DJ sets from Fearne Cotton and Huey Morgan's NYC Block Party, expect all manner of mum moshing and dad dancing with live sets from Stereo MCs, The Undertones, the mighty Pop Will Eat Itself, psych chanteuse Jane Weaver and Jesus Jones and don't miss hardcore, jungle, techno and breaks action with Billy Daniel Bunter & Raindance. We'll also have the return of one of 2017's biggest hits, Elvana: Elvis Fronted Nirvana, fiddle-fuelled folk from Chris Wood, and junior rave time with Big Fish Little Fish.

As ever, family shows and entertainment are front and centre on the promenade deck with top billing turns from long time CB legend Mr Tumble and Castle Stage faves Dick and Dom who commented on their return: "We're back for our seventh year. HUZAAAR!!! Setting sail now in our tiny pink tub. See you in the summer, you nautical sea monkeys!"

We'll also have dino-mite fun with Dinosaur World Live, Ballet with Matthew Bourne's New Adventures, Pirates of Penzance - The Musical, Royal Albert Hall's Seafaring Symphony & Workshops, the return of 'Come Dancing' In Spiegeltent with Karen Hardy Studios, Underwater Carnival Night Parade, Sailing Talks with High Seas Adventurers, Pirate Bedtime Stories, The World of Supersaurs and Now That's What I Call Sea Shanties.

There will be teen talks and opinions from Gemma Cairney and Katie Thistleton. And don't miss fun for all the family including HMS Camp Bestival hosted by the Blue Coats, Pirate Sandpit, the Dingly Dell featuring Den Building & Tree Climbing, Crafty Cabin with Katie Jones' Knit & Lizzie King's Tie-Dye, the Insect Circus & Museum, The Greatest Tent on Earth!, a bigger and better Art Town, Bigtopmania Kids Theatre & Circus, Spinney Hollow Woodland Crafts and the Sports Park & Skate Ramps.

Rick Astley

There will be lots of delicious food and drink on offer too including The Feast Collective hosted by DJ BBQ, River Cottage presents Family Feasting & Culinary Workshop, Zoe's Ghana Kitchen's Kente Kala-Bash Supper Club, and Rob & Josie's Gin Festival, with lots more to be announced.

A handsome complement so far, we think you'll agree but we're not quite all aboard just yet. There are many more hands due on deck so keep a keen eye in your crow's nest for more maritime beauties coming alongside soon!

With Camp Bestival Setting Sail for 2018, we thought it only right to partner with the greatest sailors we know: the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust! For the first time this year, we're adding a £1 charity donation on to all Camp Bestival tickets, which will go directly to the Trust (Reg. Charity no. 4597114). This money will be used to fund their amazing work that helps young people rebuild their confidence after being diagnosed with cancer.

"I've been an Ambassador for the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust for many years now and i can honestly say that sitting on a boat with these young people who have been through such harrowing life changing experiences is one of the most humbling and inspirational things i can do with my time. I hope you'll understand why we want to help them in every way we can to keep giving hope and a new life experience to all these cool kids and teens." Rob da Bank

"With the theme of 'Set Sail' what better year to have a partnership with Camp Bestival, all of us and the young people at the Ellen MacArhtur Cancer trust are absolutely over the moon to have this relationship, we hope that everyone who visits Camp Bestival has the best time, thank you so much for your support." Founding Patron Dame Ellen MacArthur

Don't forget there are a host of premium camping experiences i including Camping Plus, Backstage Camping and Hospitality Camping on sale now, and if you buy before 11th December you'll receive some special Camp Bestival stocking fillers.

Keep checking www.campbestival.net and our Facebook and Twitter for all the latest info.

Simple Minds

Clean Bandit

Billy and co set to go Undercover in Bridport

BILLY ROWAN, aka The Undercover Hippy plays the main stage at some of Europe's best festivals with his band of incredible musicians. They've been regulars at Glastonbury, Secret Garden Party, Boomtown and many more.

Politically driven, the band blend acoustic roots reggae folk-hop, with feel good vibes and a sly sense of humour. The live show is high energy, interactive, and always leaves the crowd begging for more.

The Truth or Fiction tour marks the band's third album. Political as always, singer Billy Rowan discusses the state of the world at a time when we're just starting to realise how much those who rule our lives hide information from us.

The Undercover Hippy plays at Bridport Arts Centre this Friday, December 1st at 8pm. The evening will also feature DJ sets from Beat Safari, Kathy Kelly, and DJ Bearkat.

Tickets are £12, available online at www.bridport-arts.com, or by calling 01308 424204.

THE UNDERCOVER HIPPY
WITH DJ SETS FROM BEAT SAFARI, KATHY KELLY & DJ BEARCAT

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"Like a hip hop Gomez... politically driven, clever and fun - Bandana Review
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Live Gigs

Thursday 30 December
Marine Theatre,Lyme Regis
Ben Waters Band
8pm. £18

Friday 1 December
Arts Centre, Bridport
Undercover Hippy
8pm. £12.

Saturday 2 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio
9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Sky Lizard

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Stompin' Dave and Sam Kelly
8pm. £14/£12

The Hub, Lyme Regis
BSharp present 'Out of the Box'
6.30pm. £7/£3/£20

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Saturday 9 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Goliath 9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Relics

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
VivaSantana
8pm. £16/£14

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, November 25th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. The Rolling Stones
2. Spaceman 3
3. Beach Boys
4. Blondie
5. Hawkwind
6. Tangerine Dream
7. Loop
8. ELO
9. Frank Sinatra
10. Bob Dylan

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VIEW2 TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Teddy Thompson to play at the Marine Theatre

SON OF legendary folk musicians Linda and Richard Thompson, Teddy is an acclaimed singer-songwriter with a career that has consistently attracted critical praise. His music is part folk and part pop. The New York Times calls his work "beautifully finessed." Teddy released his first, self titled album in 2000.

In 2002, Thompson played a key role in drawing his mother out of a 17-year musical retirement to record her landmark disc Fashionably Late, which he played on and co-produced.

In 2008, Thompson released the upbeat and highly acclaimed, A Piece of What You Need, which was declared "one of this year's best" by The Guardian and debuted at #9 in the UK's pop charts. A fifth album, Bella, was released February 2011 to much acclaim and led to touring the world with Elton John among other things.

In 2014 Thompson gathered his musical clan to release Family, one of the folk records of the year which garnered a multi page, in depth piece from The New York Times.

This is an unusual opportunity to hear Teddy Thompson perform in a small venue.

Teddy Thompson plays at the Marine Theatre on Wednesday, January 31st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £17 on the door. Advance tickets are available by calling 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

■ Teddy Thompson

Blondie from a parallel universe

EUROPE'S No.1 Blondie tribute band, and the only Blondie tribute band to play at CBGBs in New York City before it's closure in 2006, Bootleg Blondie, come to Bridport Arts Centre in December.

Debbie Harris and the boys have met members of Blondie and have been officially endorsed by the band. Deborah Harry got in touch when she heard Bootleg Blondie were playing CBGBs and wished them good luck.

Debbie Harris, lead vocalist of Bootleg Blondie, has the looks,the voice and the attitude of the original Blondie Bombshell, and like her heroine is typically outrageous on stage. She has been known to wear dustbin liners, thigh length boots and t-shirts with more holes than t-shirt!

Bootleg Blondie play live at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, December 15th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 adults or £13 concessions, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

■ Debbie Harris

Kick up your heels with Police Dog Hogan

KICK up your heels as Police Dog Hogan come Dorchester Arts at the Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, December 9th. Police Dog Hogan are a high-energy and eclectic eight-piece fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

Driving country-rock rhythms and a distinctive Americana vibe underpin lead singer James Studholme's lyrics, in this collection of stories and personal observations. The collective musical skills of the band have been used to full effect to create an album that delivers on both interpretation and atmosphere.

Police Dog Hogan, first formed in 2009, has evolved over the years into a tight-knit eight-piece band combining guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, accordion, trumpet, keyboards, bass and drums to create an exuberant fusing of country, pop, folk and rocking bluegrass.

In 2014 Police Dog Hogan were one of only three UK bands invited to Nashville to perform at the prestigious Americana Music Association Awards, where DJ Bob Harris – in town for the awards – snapped them up for a recording that has become one of the most-watched YouTube videos on his "Under the Apple Tree Sessions" channel. In 2015 they made a showcase appearance on Harris's Radio 2 show.

The band has repeatedly been offered headline and other spots on the main stages of numerous key festivals – among many others, they have been asked back an unprecedented three times to Larmer Tree, twice to Kendal Calling and Port Eliot, and three times to Cornbury. In 2016 they appeared at Glastonbury for the first time, on the Avalon stage.

The band regularly plays to sell-out audiences up and down the country. After more than 300 live shows they've become a serious and ambitious musical venture that marries a devotion to touring and the presentation of consummate live performances with an utter dedication to song writing and recording.

Tickets are £15 full price or £13 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

■ Police Dog Hogan

The Nag's Head
Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 2nd December, 9pm
SKY LIZARD

Saturday 9th December, 9pm
RELICS

Sunday 10th December, 4pm
SIMPLE CHAOS

www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

Advertiser's announcement

Rob, Deb, John and Nick would like to thank all of our customers, old and new, for your fantastic support over the years.

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We are not moving far away so look forward to meeting you all out and about in the future.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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Oh *Whattalife!*

Lucy Stevens brings her one woman show to Dorchester

LUCY STEVENS brings her one woman play with music Whattalife! to Dorchester Arts on Sunday, December 3rd. Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century. Whattalife! tells her story from her debut as a singer in 1940, her meteoric rise and her tragic death in 1953.

Professional actress and contralto, Lucy Stevens has researched and created a unique and totally engaging performance. The text is taken straight from Kathleen's letters and diaries. Sung music from her repertoire is woven through the text.

Whattalife! is the first staged as a dramatisation of Ferrier's life, evoking the spirit of the war and post war years. Just like Kathleen during her short but full life, the show has a great sense of fun and talks straight from the heart.

It follows life's highs:

'...I'm fit as a flea ... and haven't had a cigarette since I left the boat - in fact I'm too bloody good to live'

and life's lows:

'So I'm unhappy at the moment and you would probably say it was good for my art - but if this is art, then I hate it - I hate music, I hate my own voice, I hate people and I hate America! There!! I'm sorry - it's just tiredness ... am going to have a bath and leave a tidemark just to get mi moneysworth ...'

Tickets are £14 full price or £12 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

■ Lucy Stevens

Inua Ellis: An Evening with an Immigrant

■ Inua Ellis

INUA ELLAMS is a poet, playwright and a performer. He brings himself, a microphone, a stool, a poem stand and his story, *An Evening With An Immigrant* to Dorchester Arts on Friday, December 1st at 8pm, and Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, December 2nd at 7.30pm.

Born to a Muslim father and a Christian mother in what is now considered by many to be Boko Haram territory, in 1996 award-winning poet and playwright Inua Ellams left Nigeria for England aged 12, moved to Ireland for three years, before returning to London and starting work as a writer and graphic designer.

Part of this story was documented in his hilarious autobiographical Edinburgh Fringe First Award-winning play The 14th Tale, but much of it is untold. Littered with poems, stories and anecdotes, Inua will tell his ridiculous, fantastic, poignant immigrant-story of escaping fundamentalist Islam, directing an arts festival at his college in Dublin, performing solo shows at the National Theatre, and drinking wine with the Queen of England, all the while without a country to belong to or place to call home.

Tickets for the Dorchester show are £12 full price or £10 concessions, available by calling 01305 266926 or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Tickets for the Bridport show are £13 full price, and £11 concessions, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Marine Comedy Club Edinburgh Festival special

THE Marine Theatre is pleased to present a special double bill of acclaimed comedy from Edinburgh Festival.

Headlining is Naz Osmanoglu is a British comedian and – strangely - a member of the Imperial House of Osman, former ruling dynasty of the Ottoman Empire. Star of BBC3's Live at the Electric, winner of the Amused Moose Laugh-off competition and Chortle Best Newcomer Nominee 2010, Naz Osmanoglu has hit the comedy world running. Already a fringe veteran with acclaimed sketch trio WitTank, he is now diverting his angry Anglo-Turkish energy to stand-up as well as sketch comedy.

Flo & Joan is the British musical comedy duo and is also sisters, Nicola and Rosie Dempsey.

The pair has headlined to sold-out audiences across North America and the UK including Reading and Latitude Festival.

They had a viral hit with their 2016 Song, which to date has received 46 million views. They appeared on Canadian TV comedy programme This Hour Has 22 Minutes and on BBC Radio 4's Fresh From the Fringe.

The Kindness of Stranglers, their 2017 show, sold out in advance and received a raft of positive reviews.

The Comedy Club double bill takes place on Friday, December 8th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Naz Osmanoglu

DorchesterARTS

At the Corn Exchange Theatre

Inua Ellams
An Evening with an Immigrant
Friday 1 December
8pm
Littered with poems, stories and anecdotes, Inua will tell his ridiculous, fantastic, poignant immigrant-story.
£12 / £10 members and concessions
£5 Live for 5

Kathleen Ferrier
Whattalife!
Sunday 3 December
2.30pm
Whattalife! is a new one woman play with music. Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century.
£14 / £12 members & concessions

For full event listings, visit our website
Dorchester Arts, The Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester DT1 1HF
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Goings On At The Marine

BEN WATERS BAND
Thursday 30 November
8.00pm. £18
World famous Boogie Woogie Pianist who plays with the Rolling Stones and Jools Holland, ahead of his Ronnie Scott's residency.

MARINE COMEDY CLUB:
NAZ OSMANOGLU WITH FLO & JOAN
Friday 8 December
8.00pm. £15
Edinburgh Festival special double bill.
"Naz is a hard gigging, high performance comedy machine"
- The Sun

VIVA SANTANA
Saturday 9 December
8.00pm.
£16 / £14 concs.
Described by Classic Rock Magazine as in the Top 5 Tributes in the UK, featuring international guitarist Marcos Rodriguez

Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

THE DISASTER ARTIST 12A
WHEN Greg Sestero, an aspiring film actor, meets the weird and mysterious Tommy Wiseau in an acting class, they form a unique friendship and travel to Hollywood to make their dreams come true.
Comedy biopic stars James Franco, Dave Franco, Seth Rogen and Alison Brie.

WONDER PG
BASED on the New York Times bestseller, *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.
Stars Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson and Izabela Vidovic.

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS PG
THE journey that led to Charles Dickens' creation of "A Christmas Carol," a timeless tale that would redefine the holiday.
Stars Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer and Jonathan Pryce.

JUST GETTING STARTED 12A
A TWO-HANDER action comedy in the vein of Midnight Run about an ex-FBI agent (Jones) and an ex-mob lawyer in the witness protection program (Freeman) having to put aside their petty rivalry on the golf course to fend off a mob hit.
Stars Morgan Freeman, Tommy Lee Jones and Rene Russo.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)
Fri, Dec 1st to Thu, Dec 7th

DORCHESTER PLAZA
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com

Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 11.45am
Sat & Sun: 17.15
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.30, 21.00
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 15.45, 21.00
Justice League 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.15
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 17.15
Paddington 2 PG
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 9.45, 12.30, 15.15, 17.30, 20.00
Tue, Thu: 11.30, 14.00, 14.45, 16.30, 20.15
The Man Who Invented Christmas PG
Fri, Wed: 12.15, 14.30, 18.00
Sat & Sun: 9.30, 11.45, 15.00, 18.00
Mon,: 11.45, 14.30
Tue, Thu: 12.15, 18.00
Wonder PG
Fri, Tue-Thu: 12.45, 15.00, 18.15, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 13.00, 18.15, 20.45
Mon: 12.45, 14.15, 17.00, 18.15

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Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.45, 17.15, 19.45
Tue, Thu: 14.00, 16.30, 20.45
Justice League 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 20.45
Paddington 2 PG
Fri:-Mon, Wed: 12.45, 15.30, 18.15
Tue, Thu: 18.15
The Nut Job 2 U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Wonder PG
Daily: 12.20, 15.00, 17.40, 20.20

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com

Kalidoscope 15 Sun: 15.00
In Our Hands Thu: 19.30

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
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A Bad Mom's Christmas 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.45, 17.40, 20.50
Sat-Sun: 17.40, 20.50
Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Tue: 12.40, 20.40
Sat-Sun: 20.40, Wed: 12.40
Thu: 14.40
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Plus Sat: 10.30am
Justice League in 2D 12A
Fri: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 19.00, 20.20
Sat-Sun: 11.50, 14.40, 17.30, 19.00, 20.20
Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.45, 17.30, 20.20
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri-Sat, Mon-Thu: 14.00, 16.50, 19.30
Sun: 11.20, 14.10, 16.50, 19.30
Olaf's Frozen Adventure PG
Sa & Sun: 10.00am
Paddington 2 PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.20, 14.50, 15.40, 16.30, 17.20, 18.10, 19.50
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.30, 12.20, 13.10, 14.00, 14.50, 15.40, 16.30, 17.20, 18.10, 19.50
The Disaster Artist 15
Wed: 20.40
Thu: 13.10, 15.40, 18.10, 20.40
The Man Who Invented Christmas PG
Daily: 13.20, 15.50, 18.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.50am
The Star U
Sat: 12.15, Sun: 10.00, 12.15
Thor: Ragnarok in 2D 12A
Fri: 12.00, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40
Sat & Sun: 14.30, 20.10
Mon-Tue: 14.40, 20.10
Wed: 14.40, 19.00, Thu: 20.10
Wonder PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 14.20, 17.00, 19.40

Community Orchestra's Christmas Concert

A PROGRAMME of Christmas music performed by West Dorset Community Orchestra conductor Walter Brewster and Local Vocals directed by Lesley Whatley will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at St. John's Church, West Bay DT6 4EN at 7.30pm.

This event promises to be enjoyable and an excellent opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas and offers a wide range of music to our audience. The orchestra will be playing a variety of music including works by Mozart, Handel, Elmer Bernstein, and Smetana, and Christmas favourites.

Entry is free but there will be a retiring collection at the end. Mince pies and refreshments will be served during the interval. Parking is available in local car parks.

So come and enjoy an evening of music and song to get you in the swing of Christmas

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

LYME REGIS: In perfect timing for holiday shopping, the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery will be full of festive paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts in their annual Winter Art Fair. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club: Competition: 'Landscape', judged by Ginny Campbell. 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 281561.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Gallery Carols with the Ridgeway Singers. 'To keep wold Christmas up'. At St John's Church, 7.30pm. Conducted by Phil Humphries, leader Tim Laycock. Admission £8, under 18s £4. For more details and to book call 01308 482443.
MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
LYME REGIS: Comedy: Angelos and Barry at the Marine Theatre, 8pm. £16 / £14 concs. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND

LYME REGIS: Live music: Stompin' Dave and Sam Kelly at the Marine Theatre, 8pm. £14/£10. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
LYME REGIS: Join local artist Christine Allison at the launch of her inspiring new book, Drawing: Techniques and Tutorials for the Complete Beginner, commissioned and published by the Guild of Master Craftsmen, at Fine Art and Framing, 64 Broad Street, Lyme Regis from 11.00am-3pm.
WEYMOUTH: Christmas Craft Exhibition and Fayre. The Crafty Pilgrims are exhibiting a selection of their work at Pilgrim House, Hope Square. 12noon-4pm. There will also be hand crafted items for sale. An ideal opportunity to find unusual and beautiful Christmas gifts for your family and friends
LYME REGIS: 'Out of the Box' at The Hub, 6.30pm-10.30pm. Young musicians from Boombox, Hub Jams and Bridport Jams come together for a low budget installation/music experience. B Sharp house band LaunchPad will close the show. Tickets £7 adults, £3 young people, £20 family, available on the door.

SATURDAY DEC 2ND - TUESDAY JAN 2ND

LYME REGIS: The seventh annual Pop-Up Vintage store will be selling all kinds of vintage, retro and crafted items for that perfect unusual Christmas gift. Books, clothes, toys, accessories, needlework supplies, home-wares and much much more are available at attractive prices. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
WEYMOUTH: Christmas gift and craft fair in the Ocean Room at Weymouth Pavilion with 50 plus stalls displaying and selling quality handmade wares. Free entry, 10am-4pm. For more details call 07917 135729.

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH

WYKE REGIS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Monday 8pm - 9:20pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall DT4 9EX
BEAMINSTER: Moviola presents: 'Churchill' at the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715, or by calling 01308 861746, are £5 in advance, or £5.50 on the door.
BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5TH

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Civic Society meeting at the Dorford Centre, Top o' Town, 7.30pm. Talk by Martin Hamilton, Strategic Director of Dorset Councils Partnership, on 'Transforming Dorchester's Economy'. Free, but non-members encouraged to donate £3.
DORCHESTER: The Dorchester French Circle meeting at 7.30pm until 9.30pm in the Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester at 4 Prince of Wales Road, DT1 1PW. Coffee or tea or a glass of wine will be available from 7.30. At 8pm we commence 'Jeux de Noel'. These will include traditional Christmas party games, such as the ever popular 'pass the parcel'. For further information please visit the website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6TH

UPLYME: Lyme Ladies Quilt Group meeting at Uplyme Village Hall, 1st Wednesday of each month, 1.30-4.30pm. Annual membership fee £10 (visitors welcome). If you think you would like to come along and join us, you are more than welcome. We also enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee, and a biscuit or two, plus the inevitable chat. Call 01297 445747 or 01460 394429 if you would like more information.
ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!
BRIDPORT: Father Christmas will be coming to town, lead by Bridports first Illuminated Lantern Procession at Bridport Christmas Cheer. 5.30pm.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH

BRIDPORT: Come and join our Community Coffee morning in St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington DT6 5DX, where fresh coffee and homemade cakes are served free of charge. Make some new friends and enjoy yourself. The event takes place on the first Thursday of every month between 10.45am & 11.45am.
WOOTTON FITZPAINE: Artsreach present 'Brilliance' by Farnham Maltings at Wootton Fitzpaine Village Hall. Doors 7pm, performance from 7.30pm. Tickets £9, under 18s £7, from the self service box office at The Charmouth Practice Tel 01297 560948 for information. Bar and raffle. Proceeds to the hall.
DORCHESTER: Diabetes UK group Christmas get together in the Diabetes Centre, Bridport Road, DT1 2NQ, 7pm. The evening is open to all those living with diabetes where they can chat with others living with the condition, partake in soup, carols and a Christmas quiz.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.
LYME REGIS: Comedy: Naz Osmanoglu with Flo and Joan. £15. Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

LODERS: Christmas Fair at Loders Village Hall, 3-5pm. All proceeds to the Loders School PTFA. Meet Santa in his sleigh! Stalls (including some traders), games, refreshments, mulled wine, hand made items, Grand Raffle and so much more.
LYME REGIS: Cinema: Frozen Sing-A-Long, 2pm. £2.50 on the door. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
LYME REGIS: Music: Viva Santana, 8pm. £16/£14. Family dress up and sing-a-long Christmas special, 8pm
WEYMOUTH: Dorset Sinfonia presents 'A Night at the Opera' - a musical extravaganza of songs from the world of opera, 7.30pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. Tickets £10 (children 16 and under free), available from Dorchester TIC and on the door.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
LODERS: Ballroom & Latin Social Dance evening every Sunday 8pm - 10:30pm Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA
BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band, winter concert - Bridport Arts Centre 3pm. Tickets £9 & £7 concessions from the box office on 01308 424204.
LYME REGIS: Jazz in the Bar, £12/£10 (concs). Book at www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.
BRIDPORT: St. Swithun's Band Bridport are giving a Concert of Christmas music and Carols in St. Swithuns Church, Allington, at 3pm. Admission free with a retiring collection.

VivaSantana tribute to guitar icon

DESCRIBED by Classic Rock magazine as "One of the top five must see tributes in the UK", expect much more than a tribute band, this band continues to amaze fans with the music of the legendary Carlos Santana. It features featuring international guitarist Marcos Rodriguez. VivaSantana has played sell out shows as diverse as the prestigious London Guitar Show Wembley to theatres and rock festivals in the UK, Europe and even Cuba.

VivaSantana play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, December 9th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 and £14, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Light up a life with Weldmar Hospicecare

WELDMAR Hospicecare will host their annual Light up a Life services in November and December.

Every year, thousands of people remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones through lights sponsored in their name. Light up a Life is for everyone – not only for the many patients and families Weldmar has helped.

The annual appeal enables families, friends, and supporters of Weldmar to give donations in memory of a loved one. It raises vital funds for Weldmar's work by encouraging people to dedicate a light on one of the trees in memory of those who have died.

Val Gratton of Lyme Regis will be attending her third Light up a Life event, which is one of six held around the area.

Val said "For me it's not about remembering someone, as Mickie is always in my thoughts. It gives you the chance to press the pause button, when you are so busy before Christmas with shopping and buying presents. We all have our traditions at Christmas and when you have lost someone you have to make new traditions, as there's a big hole where that person used to be."

The event Val attends in Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens features a string quartet, with readings and carols. She has attended since 2015, when she lost Mickie to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).The pair had been married for more than 40 years and had three daughters together.

Weldmar became involved with them in 2014, when Mickie was starting to deteriorate and Val says the staff and volunteers were 'amazing' in caring for them both.

They had a volunteer coming in to offer therapy to help him relax, and community nurses would visit. He stayed at the hospice twice, and 'felt happy and safe' despite being prone to terrible panic attacks.

Val said: "The hospice moved us into a larger room, and our daughters came with the babies. The room gave us the chance to be normal, to chat about ordinary things surrounded by baby paraphernalia and just be a family. They were so considerate. Light up a Life gives you a chance to reflect on that person who's not going to be there. You share similar emotions to everyone there and that is reassuring and comforting."

The services will take place in November and December, as this is often the time when the feelings of loss are strongest. The services are a combination of readings and singing of carols which are supported by local community musicians and singers.

Everyone for whom a donation is made is remembered through the lights that will shine on one of Weldmar's special trees; and their names will be recorded in the charity's 2017 Book of Remembrance.

Caroline Hamblett, Weldmar's Chief Executive said: "If you are missing someone this Christmas, our services offer a way to remember them in the most magical and moving way, by lighting up the memory of their life. Your continued support enables us to be here to provide vital services to local people at the time when they need us most."

More details of all the services and of how to dedicate a light to those you wish to remember can be found online at the website www.weld-hospice.org.uk/lightupalife or by calling 01305 261800.

The services will be held on:

Wednesday, November 29th
Castle Gardens, Sherborne – 6.30pm

Thursday, November 30th
Orchard Park Garden Centre, Gillingham – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 3rd
Holme for Gardens, Wareham – 4pm

Tuesday, December 5th
Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 10th
Hope Square, Brewer's Quay, Weymouth – 4.30pm

Tuesday, December 12th
Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens – 4.30pm

There will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication during the Parish Carol Service in St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm.

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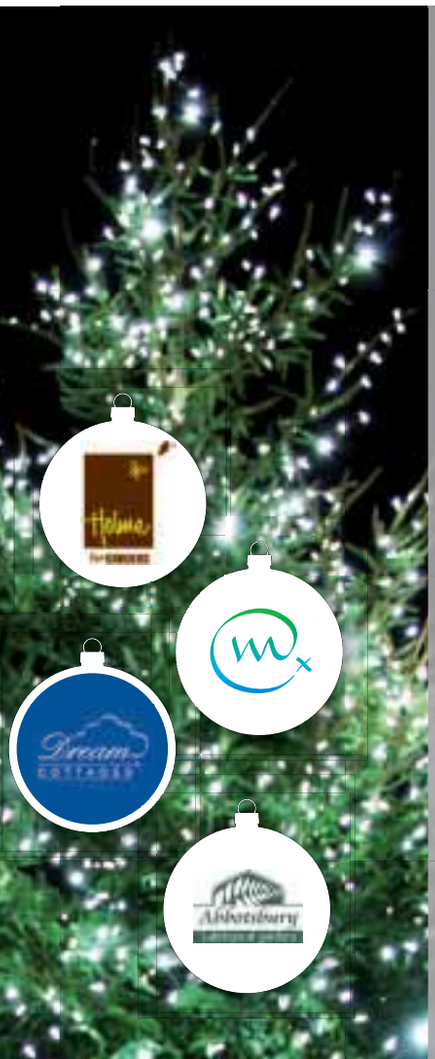

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Property and Land November auction exceeds £1,000,000

A LARGE number of people filled The Oak Tree Arena at Edithmead for a collective auction sale of properties which spanned from Ilminster to Bridgwater and Weston-super-Mare, on November 9th.

Covering areas throughout much of Somerset with lots from a number of local estate agents, this interesting sale drew a large crowd which packed the room to capacity.

The sale, conducted by Auctioneer and Senior Land Agent Ian Walker, commenced with two properties at Ilminster brought to auction by Mayfair Town & Country. The first being an end of terrace cottage requiring extensive modernisation located in Butts which sold at £100,000, followed by a detached bungalow at Broadway in need of updating which realised £195,000.

Moving to the seaside (Burnham-on-Sea), a freehold land plot at Worston Lane, suitable for a mobile home, reached £67,500 after spirited bidding. This was followed by a house in Eastleigh Close with 3 bedrooms in need of updating, brought to auction by Berrymans, which sold for £206,000.

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Almost halfway through the sale the room remained packed, with interested purchasers ensuring that a detached bungalow on Bristol Road in Bridgwater being sold by Tamlyns made £156,000, despite needing improvement, and a rural barn for conversion to a dwelling at Stockland Bristol, after a long bidding run, fell to the hammer at £175,000.

An unusual lot on the Polden Hills comprised a Grade-II-listed stone-walled garden of about a third of an acre in a completely overgrown state in the village of Edington; the price for which grew to £37,000 with an adjacent small garden area selling to the same buyer for £5,000.

Last but by no means least was a detached bungalow at Milton in Weston-super-Mare, again being sold by Mayfair Town & Country. This 1960's property had remained in the same ownership and in its original form since construction. Offered for sale for the executors of a deceased estate and now in need of very extensive renovation both inside and out, the property had been guided at £120,000 to £150,000. The bidding opened at £100,000 and received a long run of bids which slowed around £150,000 with two determined bidders in pursuit and a long volley of bids before the auctioneers gavel fell at £198,000.

Auctioneer Ian Walker commented after the sale: "Tonight was a pleasing result with 100% success having sold all 9 of the properties offered. This shows the level of interest still in the market for investment and development properties. With sensible advice on price guides and a good marketing programme, excellent results have been achieved".

A further property auction will take place on 14th December with more sales programmed for early spring. Should you be considering a sale by auction, contact your local branch of Mayfair Town & Country for free, no-obligation advice: Mayfair Beaminster (01308 862606) or Mayfair Dorchester (01305 269200).

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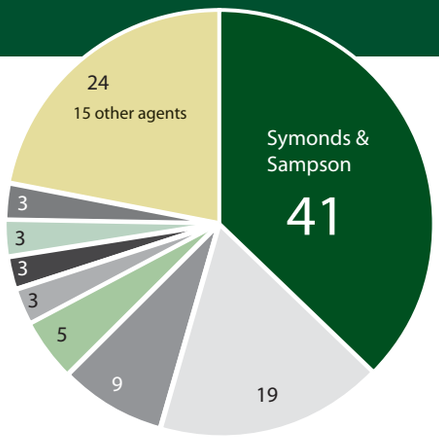

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THE LUXURY SUV has a new benchmark thanks to the introduction of the Range Rover SVAutobiography.

The new model delivers a combination of craftsmanship and technology, epitomising the pinnacle of luxury travel whether driver or passenger.

Available exclusively in long wheelbase, the Range Rover SVAutobiography combines advanced new convenience features, including rear doors that close at the touch of a button, to create a sanctuary for relaxation that doubles as a mobile technology hub.

A comprehensive range of powertrain options includes an advanced new plug-in hybrid electric-petrol, with an EV range of up to 31 miles, and an uprated 565hp V8 supercharged petrol engine.

■ New Range Rover SVAutobiography Long Wheel Base

Executive Class rear seats are central to the appeal of the luxurious new model. Combined with the long-wheelbase body, they offer rear legroom of over 1.2m while deep seat foams with new comfort interlayers deliver enhanced passenger wellbeing. With a powered 40-degree recline capability, hot stone massage function, heated calf and foot rests, the rear cabin promises a peerless passenger experience.

A dramatic fixed centre console extends the full length of the cabin and the new model also allows passengers to close the rear doors using conveniently located buttons on the rear console.

Electrically deployable rear tables and integrated 10" Touchscreen rear entertainment screens ensure customers can use the 4G WiFi connectivity to work or relax in comfort, while a concealed refrigerator between the twin rear seats can hold two wine bottles or four 600ml bottles. The right-hand rear seat folds to accommodate long items and customers can also specify a Power Deployable Veneered Loadspace Floor for the first time, making loading and unloading luggage easier than ever.

With convenience features providing a first class customer experience, the attention to detail delivers new levels of sophistication. An exclusive new Zenith clock features on the rear centre console, inspired by the Elite 6150 watch. Its knurled bezel complements the finish on the start/stop button, gear selector and pedals.

Jaguar Land Rover's elegant and intuitive Touch Pro Duo infotainment system with twin high-definition touchscreen controls is a 'digital butler' fit for the 21st Century. Information can be swiped from one screen to the other, delivering unrivalled functionality and ease of use.

Gerry McGovern, Chief Design Officer, Land Rover, said: "The Range Rover SVAutobiography is the epitome of luxury, comfort and refinement. Our standard-bearer for quality and precision exemplifies the attention to detail and sophistication that has been a hallmark of our most luxurious SUV stretching back almost 50 years."

The Range Rover SVAutobiography will be hand-finished exclusively at the SVO Technical Centre in Warwickshire, UK, and makes its global motor show debut at the Los Angeles International Auto Show on 29 November 2017. The event will see the new Range Rover SVAutobiography presented alongside the extreme Discovery SVX and the powerful Range Rover Sport SVR, as well as the standard wheelbase SVAutobiography Dynamic, for the first time.

John Edwards, Managing Director of Jaguar Land Rover Special Operations, said: "The SVAutobiography badge identifies our most luxurious vehicles in the same way the SVR and SVX monikers denote our most potent and capable derivatives. The arrival of the enhanced Range Rover SVAutobiography further strengthens the peerless luxury pillar of the SV family."

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New Ford Transit Custom – enhanced style, productivity and technology for Britain's best-selling van

FORD'S new Transit Custom delivers a bold new design, an all-new interior and enhanced productivity to European businesses.

The new Transit Custom builds on the success of the outgoing model, which became the top-selling van in its segment in 2015 and contributed towards a record sales year in 2016 in the UK, and continues to lead the market this year with 86,400 sold September year-to-date. Available to order across Europe in December, new Transit Custom is scheduled for customer delivery from early 2018.

Powered by Ford's EcoBlue 2.0-litre diesel engine, Transit Custom has been re-engineered to offer significant new features and capabilities including a new ECOnetic van variant delivering improved fuel efficiency and 148g/km CO2 emissions.

Sporting a bold new front-end design with three-bar Transit grille, Ford's one-tonne van provides drivers with the ideal mobile office environment, featuring a completely new cabin that offers best-in-class stowage, improved comfort and ergonomics, and easy connectivity with SYNC 3 or MyFord Dock options. Further technologies introduced to commercial vehicles for the first time include Intelligent Speed Assist.

"Transit Custom has been a runaway success since it was introduced, and this new version raises the game once more," said Hans Schep, general manager, Commercial Vehicles, Ford of Europe. "We have listened carefully to our customers, and delivered a one-tonne van that is even more stylish, even more productive, and packed with smart features."

The new generation Transit Custom sets the scene for Ford's next major commercial vehicle innovation, with the introduction of the zero-emission capable Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) derivative scheduled to begin volume production in 2019.

The Transit Custom PHEV utilises an advanced hybrid system that targets a zero-emission range exceeding 30 miles, and features the multi-award-winning Ford EcoBoost 1.0-litre petrol engine as a range extender. The hybrid electric van will begin trials with fleet customers in London from December this year.

Introduced in late 2012, Transit Custom was the first of Ford's expanded all-new Transit line-up to go on sale – later joined by the Transit Courier, Transit Connect and Transit models – and was a key driver in Ford becoming Europe's No. 1 commercial vehicle brand in 2015, a leading position it has held ever since. Transit has also been the best-selling commercial vehicle in Britain since it was introduced in 1965.

Ford EcoBlue engine and new ECOnetic variant

The new Transit Custom is powered by the state-of-the-art Ford EcoBlue diesel engine that was introduced to the range during 2016. With a choice of 105PS, 130PS and 170PS power ratings, the advanced new engine delivers significant cost of ownership and performance benefits compared to the previous 2.2-litre diesel, with fuel-efficiency improved by up to 13 per cent and low-end torque enhanced by 20 per cent.

The updated model also offers a new ECOnetic variant that delivers 148g/km CO2 emissions and return a combined 49.6mpg, a further 6 per cent improvement over the most efficient current vehicle.

Available for the 300 Series short wheelbase van, the ECOnetic variant features the 105 PS engine with a unique calibration and Auto-Stop-Start, low rolling resistance tyres, Ford's innovative Acceleration Control feature, and a fixed 62mph speed limiter.

The new Transit Custom continues to offer commercial vehicle operators the same outstanding breadth of capabilities from a vehicle line-up that includes two roof heights, two wheelbase options, a gross vehicle mass range from 2.6 tonnes to 3.4 tonnes offering payloads up to 1450kg, and bodystyles including van, kombi and double-cab-in-van.

The new model maintains the Transit reputation for delivering class-leading load-carrying ability, with innovative loadspace features such as the load-through hatch in the bulkhead for extra-long items, and the integrated roof rack that can be folded away when not in use.

■ New Ford Transit Custom

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Portland Town	10	22
Portesham Utd	11	20
Broadmayne	11	18
Broadstone Seniors FC	9	17
Shaftesbury Town Colts	10	17
Maiden Newton & Catt	9	13
Chickerell Utd Res	10	11
Sturm Newton Utd Res	10	10
Gillingham Town Res	10	7
Okeford Utd	9	5
Piddlehinton Utd	11	4
Marnhull	10	3

Dorset League Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Wimborne Phoenix Res	11	25
Bridport 3rds	8	24
AFC Blandford Res	12	21
Gill Dons	8	19
Verwood All Stars	9	18
Corfe Castle Res	8	18
South Cheriton Utd	11	16
Donhead Utd	9	16
Handley Sports	10	10
Pimperne Sports	9	6
Portland Town Res	10	4
Bere Regis	10	4
Wool Utd Res	11	3

Dorset League Div 4 (26)	Pld	Pts
Verwood AS Developmt	11	24
Piddlehintion Utd Res	9	22
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	10	19
Shillingstone	9	18
Crossway Spitfires	11	18
Portland Utd Panthers	11	18
Tisbury Utd Res	9	14
Redlands Rebels	10	12
Portland Town A	11	11
Lytchett & RT	7	11
Puddletown	9	11
Chickerell Utd A	9	9
Portesham Utd Res	11	5
Wool & Winfrith	9	3

Football round-up

Davies strike earns Magpies a point

Merthyr Town 1 Dorchester Town 1
Evo-Stik South Premier – att: 923

BLAKE Davies scored his first goal for the Magpies to put his side ahead at Penydarren Park in front of a crowd of over 900 who responded to Merthyr's financial crisis by turning out in numbers.

With their immediate problems resolved, and most of the original team reinstated, Merthyr started with intent and looked the most likely to make the breakthrough creating a number of chances, but it was Dorchester who scored first, Davies converting a David Jerrard cross on 38 minutes.

The Martyrs deservedly equalised in the 52nd minute when Alan Davies, having been put through, was able to beat the advancing Chris Weale.

Davies had a wonderful chance to restore Dorchester's lead, but headed wide from another Jerrard cross.

The Magpies had a huge slice of luck 10 minutes from time when Ian Traylor's shot beat Weale but struck both posts before bouncing to safety, before Ashley Evans saw his header well held by the Dorchester keeper, as the Magpies held on to earn a valuable point.

Suraci lands knockout blow

AFC Totton 0 Weymouth 1
BigFreeBet.com Challenge Cup – att: 146

PAT Suraci, on loan from Bognor Regis, scored his first goal for the club as Weymouth progressed to the third round of the BigFreeBet.com Challenge Cup last week. Manager Mark Molesley made several changes, giving game time to several members of the squad.

The goal came on 17 minutes when Suraci beat former Dorchester Town keeper Shane Murphy with a chip from the edge of the penalty area. Soon after, Sean Stewart struck the post.

Despite second half pressure from the Stags, the Terras ran out comfortable winners.

Browne rues more missed points

Team Solent 1 Portland United 1
Sydenhams Wessex Premier

BLUES boss Simon Browne was disappointed that his team once again dropped points; this was their seventh league draw this season; all of which Browne thinks they could have won.

Browne told View Sport: "Once again we managed to get behind in the game despite probably playing the better football, and then just when it seemed we were getting some momentum and getting back into it we had a player sent off, the fourth this season, before we got a late equaliser.

"It was very much like Hamworthy where if we had kept 11 players on the pitch we would have won, and the same applies here."

Despite creating a number of first half chances, Portland failed to capitalise, and went into half time a goal down, Jamie Wiseman beating Sean Lillington.

In the second half the Blues upped their game and Ryan McKechie struck the bar from a free kick midway through before Aston Butcher had a header cleared off the line and Tom Bearwish was thwarted by a good save from the home keeper.

Browne said: "Had we taken one of those chances I think we would have then gone on to win the game."

However, their chances were diminished following a second yellow card for Ross Doidge on 76 minutes for a foul on Wiseman, but in the 82nd minute they got a deserved equaliser; McKechnie heading home at the back post following a cross from sub Lewis Clarke.

On Doidge's dismissal Browne said: "I think he was very unlucky. The first yellow was harsh and the second even harsher."

He concluded: "If I look at the draws we've had this season I could create an argument for every one of those to say the result could have been better, which would have made a big difference to our league position."

DORSET LEAGUES

Premier League

DORCHESTER Sports remain a point clear in top spot after a 4-1 win over visiting Wareham Rangers.

James Symes bagged the first two for Dorch with Gareth Will adding a third before half time and Brandon Heal rounding things off in the second period.

Balti Sports' worrying league form continued with a fourth consecutive reverse - this time 2-1 at home against fellow midtablers Mere Town

Senior Division

STEVE Welch scored a hat trick for league leaders CHICKERELL UNITED helping them to a 7-2 home win against Cranborne.

Also on target for Chickerell were Matt Harvey (2,) Matt Stickland and Adam Stewart.

Westlands Sports Reserves won 7-4 at PORTLAND UTD RESERVES where Josh Camp (2,) Dean Taylor and Lance Wilson netted the consolations.

Broadstone hosted Beaminster and won 3-2 with goals from Jack White, Ben Balance and Sam Scott. Tristian Gale and Dan Quirk scored for the Rainbows.

Meanwhile, Allendale climbed off the foot of the table with 6-4 win at Poole Borough.

Division One

TISBURY are in pole position following their 3-2 win at Allendale.

AFC Blandford won 6-1 at home to Wool Utd with goals from Sammy Lyth, Callum Goddard (2), Aaron Lawes, David Cox and Jon Hill.

WEYMOUTH FC Colts won 4-2 away at Swanage courtesy of goals from Tom Cherry (2), Rocky Grant and Jordan Sharpe.

Division Two

IN the top of the table clash Sturminster Marshall came out 3-0 winners against Wimborne Phoenix while MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK and PORTESHAM UNITED shared the points drawing 3-3. Dan Gardiner, Jamie Quinton and Taylor Quinton scored for MN&C.

Tom Callaghan scored a hat trick for Marnhull as they beat visitors PORTLAND TOWN 4-3.

Shaftesbury Colts hosted CHICKERELL UNITED RESERVES and won 4-0 with goals coming from Ted Hardiman, Adam Burford, Adam Cuff and Jacob Rowe.

Division Three

CHARLIE Parsons netted twice for Corfe Castle Reserves as they beat AFC Blandford Reserves 3-1 while Donhead won 5-0 at Bere Regis.

Two goals from sub Danny Sheppard and singles from Paul Cole, Alex Coulter and Sam Course helped PORTLAND TOWN RESERVES win 5-1 away at Wool Utd Reserves.

Division Four

LEAGUE leaders Verwood All Stars hosted Corfe Mullen Reserves and won 4-1 with goals from Joe Barney, Alex Ogle, Eddie White and Damian Gill.

Piddlehinton Reserves won 3-0 at PORTLAND TOWN A. Crossways Spitfires also chalked up a win on the road beating PORTESHAM UTD RESERVES 5-2 with Dan Payet scoring four and Andy Stewart the other.

Finally, PORTLAND PANTHERS won 7-2 at Wool & Winfrith with hat tricks from Sid Thompson and Stu Burley and a single from Jordan Allen.

Rugby

Depleted Seasiders desperate for new blood

Lychett Minster 20
Weymouth & Portland 0

WEYMOUTH & Portland crashed to their eighth defeat of the Wadworth 6X Dorset & Wilts Division One South season when they were beaten by bottom side Lychett Minster on Friday night.

The Seasiders are now just three points above Lychett, and it now looks like a relegation dog fight between the two to decide which one will avoid the drop.

Head coach Anthony Cowburn said: "Despite the result there are still positives to take away from the game with 20 players in the squad for the first time for a few weeks.

"A couple of seasons ago we fielded three senior teams now we are down to one.

"Recently we have had a mass exodus of players for various reasons and since then we have had to field a side selected from veteran and youth teams to make up the numbers.

"Against Lychett we were without two of our best players, hooker Carl Sankey and flanker Ian Dixon. As a result the two Leatham brothers, lock Kevin and wing forward John both played and they are well into their 40s, and both made their presence felt around the park.

"Our youngsters are having to learn quickly and as a result are making mistakes, but they will eventually come good".

Cowburn made an appeal for new players saying: "I would like to issue an appeal to both former and any potential new players.

"The door is always open to join us, we are one of the oldest clubs in the country and have been through crises before and come back stronger for the experience, and we will again.

"We train on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at our ground in Monmouth Avenue and any players who wish to join us will be made welcome"

Sherborne 2nds 40
Puddletown 17

PUDDLETOWN surrendered the top spot in Dorset & Wilts League 2 South after suffering their first loss of the regular season, to the only other unbeaten side in the division writes Ian Frizzle.

Things looked tough for the visitors from the start, with the home pack looking well drilled at scrum and lineout.

Honours were even until 15 minutes when Sherborne won a 5m line out and drove over to score their first converted try. Almost immediately, Puddletown were awarded a penalty 25m out after scrum half Lucas Frizzle was impeded trying to get the ball away at a ruck. Captain Sam Bailey neatly slotted the kick to bring the score to 7-3.

For the remainder of the first period the home side pack dominated, scoring another three converted tries to secure the try scoring bonus point.

Puddletown defended valiantly but racked up the penalties, and just before the break centre Dan Uddell was adjudged offside in front of the posts and was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes.

◆ **POISED:** Matt Watts waits to receive Lucas Fizzle's pass in Puddletown's 40-17 defeat at Sherborne 2nds. *Photo by CHRIS EDWARDS*

Despite only then reduced ranks, the men in red put together their best play of the half with left wing John Moise passing inside for blind side flanker Sam Pomeroy to score. Bailey added the extras from out wide.

The second half saw the visitors apply more pressure but the home pack had the upper hand and scored two more tries directly from set piece play.

Puddletown battled on but were hampered by the odd pass going to ground. Eventually, the pressure paid off for the visitors with No. 8 Pearce Mercer breaking through from 22m out and scoring near the sticks. Bailey added the extras.

Puddletown coaches Sam Cload and Paul Newbury were proud of the performance of the team and thanked the replacements who did not get used during the game.

There were a plenty of standout performances including Sam Pomeroy and Puddletown Man of the Match Lucas Frizzle.

Next week the Villagers face Amesbury in the final of the Junior Vase at Warminster.

Lyme skittles

RESULTS (W/e: November 25th)

Ladies Pairs - The following are through to the next round: D Rickard & J West; I Pratt & M Pratt; J Wyatt & A Gillings; J White & L Taylor; K Aldworth & S Yeatman; A Crockford & M Fowler; E Blackmore & T Holmes; S Larcombe & Sarah Churchill; K Quick & Sam Churchill.

Men's Pairs - The following are through to the next round: J Sims & B Rattenbury; C Kapur & T Eaton; V Foxwell & A Cross; S Shaw & G Kent; D Welsh & A Churchill; P Liston & P Rattenbury; K Bearpark & J Rickard; P Bright & R Chappel; A Studley & P Bearpark; P Grinter & L Dare; D Currell & J Bennett; R Beviss & G Gibbs; G Williams & D Savage; N Bearpark & S Beal; M Symonds & C Barnes; R Bovill & S Smith.

Mens' Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hopers	5	10	4
Flyers	6	8	8
Wreckers	6	7	4
Young Guns	5	6	6
Roadrunners	4	5	2
Marksmen	5	4	8
Clueless	5	2	6
Trappers	5	2	4
Miscellaneous	3	0	2

Mens' Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Alleytwits	5	8	8
Anthill Mob	5	8	2
British Legion	5	6	10
Rousdon Rebels	5	6	4
President's Men	5	2	4
Tornadoes	5	2	4
Shakers	4	2	2

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Hot Gossips	4	7	3
La Crème	4	5	6
Rollercoasters	4	4	4
Wootoon Wobb	3	4	4
Smashers	3	2	4
Generations	3	2	0
Skittso's	3	0	3

Snooker

Dorchester & Dist

LATEST results; WDC Team Shaky 4 WDC YYMFDT 3, WDC Whipping Boys 1 Colliton Hopefuls 6, Colliton Hopefuls 3 West Dorset Club A 4, Trinity Express 4 Purbeck Potters 3.

Top breaks: E Wellman 38; G Bartlett 33.

Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (WD Club A) 54.

Rearranged league matches; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M (Monday, Dec 11th), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Thursday, Jan 11th).

Team Open KO Cup remaining Round two fixtures; Colliton Hopefuls v West Dorset Club A (tonight, Wednesday), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (tomorrow).

Table week 8	Pld	Pts
Trinity Express	7	31
WDC Team Shaky	7	28
Colliton Hopefuls	7	27
Colliton XQ2017	8	27
Trinity M	5	24
WDC YYMFCDT	6	23
West Dorset Club A	5	22
Purbeck Potters	6	20
WDC Whipping Boys	7	11

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks fight off boosted Tavistock

West Dorset Hawks 3
Tavistock A 2
Southern 2

WEST Dorset Hawks, on a decent run of form, were perhaps looking forward to a slightly easier game against promoted Tavistock A who lie bottom with just one point all season, especially with a strong team including the returning short corner specialist Dan Wyatt and Simon Wakely on the wing deputising for Matt Stone.

With their first team not having a game, the visitors boosted their squad by including three or four who play two leagues higher.

Right from the start the hosts found themselves under pressure and were caught cold when Tavistock scored with a powerful drag-flicked ball into the top corner which keeper Jim Bowditch got his stick to.

Hawks equalised when Rick Steele found Wakely on the right wing and he sent a 50-yard pinpoint pass down the line cutting out three Tavi players to Alex Davies whose shot was saved but Russell Coombes pounced to fire the rebound home.

However, the visitors went ahead again when a quickly taken free kick as the Hawks were resetting the defence.

Hawks came out in the second half determined to get even.

Their efforts were rewarded when Davies intercepted a loose ball and cut along the byline to set up Wyatt whose shot was parried by the keeper, only for Coombes once again to pick up the pieces to finish well.

West Dorset won the day with another well worked goal when Julian May's 40-yard diagonal ariel pass found Richard Puzey who burst into the D and let rip with a fierce shot. Once again the Tavi keeper produced a stunning save, but once again Coombes was on-hand to complete his hat trick.

Umpires: Gavin Brooking and Mike May.

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth & Ottery	9	24	25
PGSOB A	9	27	21
Bude	9	17	16
OPM	9	-7	14
Camborne SoM	9	5	12*
Plymouth Uni A	9	2	12*
Caradon	9	0	12
WEST DORSET	9	-10	12
Isca C	9	4	11
Plymouth Marjon C	9	-9	10
Sidmouth & Ottery A	9	-25	3
Tavistock A	9	-28	1

Hawks stung by Hornets

ECV Hornets 4
West Dorset A 2

HAWKS travelled to Exeter looking for a result against a team in the promotion hunt.

The hosts were just about the better team, and the final 4-2 score line reflects the balance of play. But the Hawks were frustrated with the goals conceded, as the hosts took a 4-0 lead.

The first two came early as a result of poor marking and an unmarked player turned the ball in at the far post.

The hosts third came from a well drilled short corner shot that squeezed past the defender on the post, whilst the fourth, early in the second half, from a brilliant ball played into the D which was well controlled and finished well.

A change of formation at half time shifted the balance, and the Hawks were rewarded with two goals in the last 15 minutes with veterans John Kellas and Rick Dormer bagging one each.

***Team**: Alex Drew, Sam Dormer, Bruce Maltby, Lee Connolly, Henry Middleton, Will Tewson, Rick Dormer, Dave Tewson, Rich Wilson, Jack Dormer, John Kellas.*

South East 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Chard A	9	20	22
ECV Hornets B	9	20	20
Taunton CS A	9	15	19
Chard B	9	8	19
East Devon C	9	23	18
Bridgwater C	9	16	16
Sidmouth & Ottery B	9	2	13
WEST DORSET A	9	-8	10
Minehead A	9	-27	7
Taunton Vale D	9	-10	6
Sidmouth & Ottery C	9	-36	4
Yeovil & Sherborne B	9	-23	3

Tee-off - golf news

Di trots to win with three pointer spree

LYME REGIS *with Richard Jackman*

THE NOVEMBER STABLEFORD produced some good scores.

In Division One Brian Rees with his one over gross par score scored 21 points on the back nine to win with 40 points.

A point behind was single figure handicapper Jim Allan with two steady nines. In third place after a blistering back nine was Roger Seed with 38.

In Division Two Alan Brown had a slightly up and down round but ended on a big up as he birdied the last to cap a wonderful back nine and finish the leader on 40 points.

Mark Colley in second had a strong front nine in his 38, while Nic Snape had a similar tale in his 36 finishing third.

The LADIES TURKEY TROT was played in challenging conditions after Wednesday's rain but produced some very creditable results.

In Division One, Di Smith showed the way, mastering the conditions well especially on the front nine scoring five three pointers in forging her way to a winning score of 34 points with Jenny Scott 2nd on 31 after a good start, two better than Kim Beauchamp who finished 3rd.

Division Two belonged to Sarah Kilcoyne who, as a newcomer to golf confirmed her potential by coming in with 34, the equal best score of the day, with two consistent halves.

Debbie Shinners finished second on 27, while a vintage performance from Sheila Claringbold gave her third spot.

CHARMINSTER *with Adrian Short*

THREE competitions took place at Charminster Golf Club during November beginning with the WEDNESDAY MEDAL.

Duncan Fergusson was the winner in Division One with 85/16/69. Peter Churchill was second with his lowest gross round of 82/12/70. John Thompson was third with 92/18/74.

Phil Spray was the winner in Division Two with his lowest gross round of 92/20/72. Barry Rutherford secured second place after countback with 96/21/75. Adrian Short was third with 97/22/75.

The SUNDAY MEDAL was won by Steve Bailey with 85/12/73.

This was after countback which placed Mark Boggust in second with his lowest gross round of 83/10/73. Brian Drammis was third with 86/12/74.

The third event was the WEDNESDAY TEXAS SCRAMBLE where the team of Roger Ingram, Terry Drudge & Rob Rolls were the winners with a nett round of 65.

BRIDPORT *with Peter Crowter*

THE Men's Sunday competition was a three-man Team Texas Scramble off a shotgun start, at least four drives to be used off each player, one sixth of combined handicap.

It was a cold morning with little or no wind and 16 teams took the field. The clear winners were father and son Terry (24) & Ian Kearley (15) along with Steve Battrick (28) scoring 57.8.

In second place were Pat Hart (11), Lewis Craddock (7) & Doug Miners (13) with 60.8.

Third, after count-back, were Gavin Gay (8), Chris Wren (25) & Rod Condliffe (20) with 61.2.

The veterans competition last Thursday was the second round of the Winter Shield.

Forty-four players took part in this Stableford on a morning when the stiff breeze made for tricky conditions.

Raymond Southcombe's (15) par score of 36 won Division One and was the best overall score of the day. Peter Marshall (10) came second with 34 and third, after count-back, was Brian Fearon (13) with 33.

The best score in Division Two was 33 carded by Larwence Turner (21). Runner-up was Bob Dennis (21) with 31 while Graham Topp (23) was third with 29.

Ladies' Section *by Lyn Jessop*

LAST week's competition had a good turnout with 14 teams of three competing in the Yellow Ball event.

The winners, who played on Saturday, were Liz Walker, Carol Hedley & Avril Brown with 99 points.

Nicky Stone, Pauline Mackie & Jane Dowling, playing on Tuesday, were second with 88 narrowly beating Sandra March, Di Stothard & Pat Baldwin by one point.

Juniors show seniors how it's done!

IT was very cold Saturday morning when the annual fishing match between the Juniors and Seniors of West Bay Sea Angling Club which took place on East Pier, West Bay.

The tide was coming in and all anglers landed fish.

Legal sized Shore Rockling were the favourite but Whiting, Pout, Shanny and Bass were also caught, all of which were weighed and immediately returned alive to the sea.

Results: 1st Eden Lynham 1037g (Junior), 2nd Craig Horton 353g (Senior), 3rd Aaron Chambers 188g (Junior).

◆ **NICE ONE SON:** Junior Sectary Paul Lynham presents the Trophy to the winner, his son Eden Lynham, watched by other members of the West Bay Angling Club who took part.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures w/c Monday, December 4th

Ladies Threes
(R1 – No byes).

Tuesday, Dec 5th
Clock - Alleycats; Brandy Snaps; Yondover Three; Junior Talent.

Wednesday, Dec 6th
Woodman - Barb's Girls; Nuts & Raisons; The Trio; Middle Talent.

Men's Nomination Individuals
(R1 - No byes - four winners each alley).

Tuesday, Dec 5th
Bradpole Club - B Chapple; L Dare; A Frampton; D Wyatt; H Mills; D Cooper; N Pye; S Pitcher; A Cauldwell.

Wednesday, Dec 6th
Lord Nelson - S Lee; N Lee; C Willcox; M Hooper; N Briant; R Coombes; I Pincombe; R Pincombe; M Horton.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	6	10
Broadoak	6	8
Masters	6	8
Miss the Ball	5	6
Nelson Nobblers	5	6
Rejects	6	6
Shipfaced	3	6
Slingers	6	5
Rough Eight	5	4
The Dingles	6	3
Denhay	6	2
Rockets	6	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	4	8
Originals	5	8
U Know the Blokes	6	8
Gerryatrics	6	6
Lively Lads	5	6
Survivors	5	6
Bangers	3	4
Dingbats	6	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Outsiders	6	2
Pioneers	6	0

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	5	10
Castouts	5	8
Strawpeedos	5	8
Stingers	5	6
LHS	5	4
NBC	5	4
Whisky Chasers	4	4
Alcoholics	5	2
Unknowns	6	2
Wickers	5	2

Division D	Pld	Pts
BFC	5	10
Brandy Snaps	6	8
Featherbeds	6	8
Firebirds	4	6
Let em Roll	4	6
Alleycats	5	2
Groundhogs	3	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Yo Yo's	4	2
Pinbashers	5	0

Lyme Regis Pool

Current table	Pld	Pts
Dyer Dallical	4	9
Pot Nots	3	9
Real Talbot	4	6
RNJI+One	3	6
Bye bye Nev	3	6
Nags Head Trott	4	3
The Collective	3	3
Drunken Sailors	4	0

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Z	6	11
Hunters Lodge	6	6
Royal Standard	6	6
Half an Octopus	5	3
Talbot Arms	4	2
Four Play	5	2
Sticky Bandits	6	2

180s: R.Haines and D.Herbert x2, T.Howard, C.Simpson R.Cross, and J.Souter-Phillips all x1.

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Darts

BRIDPORT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Hands of Time	8	14
Rob's Robbers	7	13
Nomads	8	12
BSC	7	12
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
4 Drunks & A Driver	8	9
Respect-de-Bull	9	7
Five Sticky Fingers	9	6
Nags Head A	8	6
One for the Vikings	9	5
Young Darters	8	3
Les Miserables	9	0

180s; L.Cox & S.Harvey 4, M.Barnett, G.Knight, J.Vickery & A.Parker all x3, 10 players x2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	9	18
Rubber Johns	9	16
Odds or Us	9	15
Dart Vaders	9	10
Poachers	9	9
Mis Fits	9	9
No Direction	9	8
Otter Rotters	9	7
The Surgeons	9	7
Anchor Five	9	5
No Chance	8	1
Wicked Team Name	8	1

180s; C.Higgs x4, F.Jones x3, D.Sorrell x2, P.Moye, S.Adams, R.Moye, & T.Symonds all x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers	8	13
Whamo	8	12
Stumpies Stallions	9	12
Dat Team	8	11
Midnight Runners	8	9
Time Bombs	7	9
The Shoplifters	8	7
On me Tab	8	5
Odds & Sods	8	4
Dodgers	7	3
Ben's Followers	7	1

180s; P.Gumbrill, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Arrows Awry	9	17
Anchor Aces	9	17
Queens Bees	9	17
Queenies OTC	9	12
Castaways	9	12
Sue's Rebels	9	9
Diamonds ITR	10	8
Against the Odds	9	8
Lil's Hopefuls	10	7
Charlie's Angels	9	4
Good Mates	10	4
Tiger Stripes	9	3
Double Trouble	9	2

Most wins; Janet Collins x9, seven players x8.

Boxing

Huge crowd enjoys boxing bonanza

ONE of the biggest audiences for some years packed into Freshwater Holiday Park on Saturday for Bridport Boxing Club's annual tournament *writes Stuart Broom*.

Fourteen bouts featuring boxers from as far afield as Coventry, Camborne, Portsmouth and Truro, as well as Bridport, Weymouth and Sturminster Newton produced an exciting evening's entertainment that had the crowd on their feet.

Four Bridport boxers took part, with Blake Davies making his debut against another having first timer Brandon Cody from Paignton who won with by a unanimous verdict.

Shane Webb, also in his first fight, found Exeter's Connor Cudmore too strong, the ref stopping the fight towards the end of the third round.

Two other debutant's, Bridport's Ben Pascoe and Ewan Dumbar (Camborne), produced a good fight, with Pascoe taking the spoils with a unanimous verdict.

The bout of the night featured Bridport's Spike Armstrong, and Weymouth's Ollie Carr. This was a cracking contest with both boxers showing good skills, but in the end Armstrong won all the judges votes, and also the Brian Richards Memorial Belt for the best Bridport boxer of the year, which was presented by the club's joint founder and head coach Alan Slaney.

Both Sturminster Newton boxers Alfie Hunter-Inglis and Toby Freeman-Read both found their opponents Jack Owen and Ellis Magson, both from Paignton, too good on the night.

Coach Slaney thanked the sponsors, Freshwater and the crowd for their wonderful support.

He explained that it was 36 years to the day that the club ran the first tournament which took place at the old Colfox School, and he hoped that with the same support they could continue.

He told the audience: "You're keeping us alive!"

The show was excellently compered by Grant Northover, with Ken Brain from Frome sharing the refereeing duties with Slaney.

Slaney did also make a plea for extra committee members to help particularly on fight nights: "There are a few people that are retiring after many years' of great service, and it would be nice if we could find some replacements. Anyone interested can ring Alan on 01308425108.

◆ **PACKED HOUSE:** Boxing fans saw 14 bouts at Freshwater Park on Saturday evening, (above) Bridport's Shane Webb (blue) in action against Exeter's Connor Cudmore. *Photo by STUART BROOM*

Results: Nelson Rodgers (Waterside) lost to Neddy Connors (Willenhall) unan pts (minor); Martin Doran (Ferndown) bt Josh Williams (Willenhall) unan pts (minor); Jack Owen (Paignton) beat Alfie Hunter-Inglis (Sturminster Newton) unan pts; Jack Kelly (Ferndown) bt Dan Heather (Camborne/Redruth) unan pts; Toby Fleming-Read (Sturminster Newton) lost to Ellis Magson (Paignton) unan pts; Macauley Mc Loughlin (Waterside) bt Ollie Bennett (Ferndown) maj pts; George Taunton (Poole) lost to Mason Furlong (Willenhall) maj pts; Brandon Cody (Paignton) bt Blake Davies (Bridport) unan pts; Ollie Carr (Weymouth) lost to Spike Armstrong (Bridport) unan pts; Jamie Dennis (Poole) bt Ryan Wells (Camborne/ Redruth) maj pts; Ewan Dunbar (Camborne/Redruth) lost to Ben Pascoe (Bridport) unan pts; Connor Cudmore (Exeter) bt Shane Webb (Bridport) rsf 3rd;

Sofian Houri (Bournemouth) lost to Shaun Casey (Exeter) maj pts; Dwayne Horrel (Truro) lost to Tex Ogunsele (Heart of Portsmouth)

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Bowls

Another max for Ladies A

BRIDPORT Indoor Bowls Club's Ladies A team are in formidable form in County League One.

They destroyed bottom side EAST DORSET A in their latest match taking all eight points in a 49-27 victory in Christchurch.

Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Sue Walsh & Annie Legg opened up with a 31-12 win, whilst Lyn Craddock, Sheila Nicoll, Laura Taylor & Margaret Clapp finished 18-15 up.

Meanwhile, Bridport B could only pick up two Division Two points at home to DORSET RESORT. Tracey Marley, Joan Griffiths, Barbara Jenkins & Jenny Harding won 17-14.

However, Sandra Hargett, Liz Walker, Millie Meech & Janet Tattershall dropped two five counts in a 14-23 loss, giving Dorset Resort the four extra points for the overall win.

Bridport A took full points in the County Over 60s League with a 45-26 win at home to bottom side DORSET RESORT to keep themselves tucked in behind leaders Dolphin.

Barry Mapson, Mel Hargett & Mike Fletcher won 25-11 whilst Phil Hedges, Paul Hallett & Keith Jenkins triumphed 20-15.

Bridport went down 150-103 in their six-rink Mixed Friendly at MOONFLEET.

The two winners were Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Bill D Jones & Mel Hargett who finished 27-11, and Sandra Hargett, Peter Carnell, Dave Aylott & Brian Rumble who dropped a five count on the penultimate end to trail 18-19 but replied with a two count to win 20-19.

Meanwhile Bernard Perry, Erica Sarson, Robin Pither & Phil Hedges shot into

a 10-1 lead but needed a two count on their final end to draw 21-21.

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Annetts: It's time for a change...

Bridport Reserves 2
Hamworthy United Reserves 6
Dorset Premier Division

IT appeared as though Bridport Reserves were in with a chance of getting something from this game as they fought back twice to equalise midway through the first half.

However, their inability to take their chances, whilst being unable to prevent conceding at the other end, remains a problem, and has forced manager Shaun Annetts to make changes.

He told *View Sport*: "Going forward we look exciting and we create chances against any team, but we are far too open and as soon as it breaks down teams have a go at us and we look vulnerable, and once again individual mistakes cost us dearly on three of the goals.

"Clearly I cannot allow that to continue, and I'm going to have to bring in new players or think about the formation, or both. We look a good side with the ball and look awful without it."

Riley Weedon missed with a free header inside five minutes and Finn Cooper had a good opportunity moments before Hamworthy scored.

A wonderful right foot strike from Sam Handyside levelled the score and, after falling behind again, the Bees equalised for a second time when Alfie Ward followed up to score after the keeper had parried Dan Baggs' free kick.

However, Bridport conceded twice more before the break and, despite creating chances in the second half, they failed to capitalise and the visitors added two more goals to register a comfortable win.

The Bees, now 13th, travel to face seventh placed Westland Sports on Saturday.

Bridport RFC

Defeat double for young Blues

Weymouth U12 4 Bridport 4

BRIDPORT were looking to build on their success at Lychett last week and came close to causing an upset at Weymouth on Sunday.

Starting slowly they gifted their hosts three soft tries before Barney Johnson reduced the arrears with a strong run to the try-line.

Weymouth got one back before half-time but most of the second half belonged to Bridport.

Playing the best rugby of their season Bradley Lewis, Johnson and Daniel James all ran in tries to level the scores and set up a tense finale.

But, with a bigger squad, Weymouth were able to call on fresh legs and a tiring Bridport conceded three quick tries to leave the final score at 7-4.

Despite the defeat this was a very encouraging performance from the Blues who entertain Wimborne next Sunday.

Player of the Day was Barney Johnson and Tackler of the Week was Mally Titcombe-James.

Weymouth U14 29
Bridport 17

WITH Captain Tom Craven and Centre Oliver Hansford-Harvey absent training with the County squad, and Weymouth fielding a full strength team, this was always going to be a difficult game for Bridport.

Playing uphill they scored first when Will Newton's pace left the opposition standing, but failure to tackle let in Weymouth to make the half time score 5-15.

Bridport again opened the scoring after the interval with prop Peter Mullaney powering over, and at 12-15 spectators sensed a comeback.

But again failure to tackle fast runners gave Weymouth a try.

The Blues' MoM Toby Pattemore, drove over to make the score 17-22, but yet another Weymouth runaway try sealed the game at 17-29. Next up for Bridport is a trip to face Gillingham.

◆ The Bridport seniors failed to raise a team for the Dorset & Wilts Division One match at Oakmedians

Colfox boys through to national final

COLFOX Junior Boys won through to national final of the English Schools Cross Country Cup after pipping Millfield for the third and final place in the Regional Final, the first time this age group has qualified in over 25 years.

The best cross country teams in the SW of England descended on Leweston School, Sherborne to fight it out with Colfox also represented in the Inter Boys group.

The Inter Boys were involved in the first race of the day. Fin Cauldwell finished 17th with Gus Johnson (20), Zakjohn Ousley (31), Harry Burwood (34), followed immediately by Mannie Wellman (35), and Jake Childs (39) which resulted in an eighth placed finish overall.

By the time of the third race involving the Junior Boys, the ground had really been churned up and was really challenging in many areas of the course.

Owen Pitcher finished a superb 7th, with Oakley Winters O'Brien 11th, and Oliver Forsee 12th. Oliver Jones was 27th, Bailey Huxter 42nd and Sam Devecsery 54th.

This was enough to claim third place overall, just four points ahead of Millfield, and book them a place in the National Final to be held at Sevenoaks.

◆ **NATIONAL STATUS:** Owen Pitcher who finished a superb seventh to lead Colfox Junior Boys to the National Finals

Bridport Crib

George hit top

	Pld	Pts	BL
George WB	8	66	7
Ilchester	8	62	13
Anchor	7	58	11
Crown A	7	55	11
Nelson	7	53	16
Oddfellows	7	50	11
Crown B	2	14	5
Durbeyfield	5	35	5
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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Thompson: Magpies lacked creative flair

DESPITE what might have been a difficult week for hosts Merthyr, Dorchester remianed focussed at Penydarren Park and, despite not playing at their best, returned from Wales with a point.

The recent financial crisis, which saw the Martyrs forced to play virtually an academy side which was thrashed 13-1 by Chesham United, continued to rumble on last week as the Magpies prepared for Saturday's fixture.

A crowd fundraising raising campaign finally cleared the debt owed to the taxman, meaning that many of those players who left the club returned, and the team that took the field against the Magpies included 10 of their regular squad.

Whether the uncertainty as to who they would be facing had any bearing on Dorchester's below par performance is difficult to assess, but manager Steve Thompson didn't put any store on the argument.

Stuart Broom
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He told ***View Sport***: "Overall I was slightly disappointed with the performance. The back four and the keeper were pretty solid, but we just didn't have any creative flair, and we couldn't hardly argue with the result, if anything they might have had one or two more chances than we did.

"In the system we play the creativity doesn't only come from midfield, it's the front three as well. But in front of the back four we never really got going. I don't think any one of those front six can say they had a good game.

"If you are going to create chances, you need three of them to have good games and the others average ones, and I think all six would say they had below average games."

"They were a much changed side from last week. However, it just goes to show that we do stick in there even when we are not playing well, and as I told the players, we haven't played well but we have got a result.

"I think if we had been told before the crisis that we could go to Merthyr and get a draw, with all the talent they have in their side, it would be considered a good result.

"As it was they had most of their missing players back, and credit to them they turned in a decent performance, and in the end we had to battle to get a point which we did."

With five players still missing through injury, and not fit enough to have faced WIMBORNE last night in the Dorset Senior Cup, Thompson will be assessing his options with an away game at ROYSTON TOWN on Saturday before hosting STRATFORD on Monday.

◆ **TOP MAN:** Defender Kyle Egan receives the October Player of the Month award from Carolyn Bennett of the DTFC supporters trust. ***Photo by PHIL STANDFIELD***

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